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## City manager will step down

By J.R. Deaton  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — In an emotional announcement during Monday night's City Council meeting, City Manager Gary Pokorny said he plans to retire as the city's top administrative officer.

"I think tonight is a good time for me to tell you all that, for personal and professional reasons, I intend, with the support of the City Council, to retire from the position of El Cerrito city manager later this summer," Pokorny, 58, said to a subdued audience.

In the past year the city has seen a turnover in most of its top posts, including planning manager, maintenance and engineering services manager, and po-

lice and fire chiefs.

Pokorny had just finished a presentation of the proposed 2000-01 city budget and had spent several minutes praising city staff for their professionalism and dedication to duty.

"It's been my distinct pleasure to work with all of you, and with various councils over the years, and with this community for the past 11 years," Pokorny said, his voice trembling with emotion at times.

"Each of you should be very proud of what we've been able to accomplish, with the help of thousands of volunteers, over the past decade."

"It's going to be awfully hard to leave my colleagues, your staff, but it is, I be-

lieve, a very good time for this organization and me to move on to new beginnings," Pokorny told the council.

Pokorny said he plans to remain city manager "over the next few weeks and months" and get the new city budget adopted by June 30 and to "provide whatever assistance I can" as the City Council begins the search for a new city manager.

Pokorny has been city manager since April of 1989. A longtime member of community service groups, he has for several years spearheaded the Rotary Club's sponsorship of the July 4 Fair, which raises money for community projects.

Pokorny came to El Cerrito in 1989

after 10 years as city manager of Corvallis, Ore. Before that he was city manager of Sioux City, Iowa.

Pokorny said he plans to keep active during his retirement and is considering taking a consulting or teaching position.

As he left the podium after making his unexpected retirement announcement, Pokorny received loud and long applause from the audience.

Pokorny has had his share of critics during his tenure as city manager, but most people interviewed had kind words for him earlier this week.

"I know that you will be sorely missed by both the employees of this city and

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GARY POKORNY is stepping down after 10 years.

## Albany will study traffic controls

By Clare Curley  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The mood was surprisingly calm when about 40 residents showed up at the City Council's meeting Monday, hoping to influence the fate of the city's busiest thoroughfare. Council members voted three-to-two to accept the adoption of traffic alternatives on Marin Avenue pending further evaluation.

While the resolution doesn't make any specific recommendations, it agrees to identify and plan measures to reduce speeds on Marin. The city could end up with one of a variety of methods to do so, from the much-debated three-lane plan that would include bike lanes, to adding speed bumps or stop signs.

Residents who showed up unanimously thanked the commission for looking into alternatives, but that's where on the issue agreement ends. The majority who spoke voiced concern of the possibility of eliminating a lane from Marin, saying the plan is unrealistic.

As longtime resident Charles Pagter said, "Marin is a vital transportation area from the Berkeley hills to the freeway — if you take a lane out, you're going to have problems."

Resident Gerri Lee, who has sons, daughters, nieces and nephews in Albany — some of whom attend Albany High and Albany Middle schools — worried about the effects of diverting traffic to other streets. Another resident suggested coordinating stop lights to slow traffic.

One thing seems apparent — the question isn't whether or not you have kids that attend Albany High, belong to one of the four churches on Marin or ride a bike, but whether you live there.

The few voices in favor of significantly calming traffic — and who didn't speak out against reducing the lanes — are residents who view the traffic not through the windows of their cars but from their houses.

One such voice came from Debra Dove, a mother of a first and third grader.

Dove pointed out that Albany is unique in that, unlike Berkeley's University Avenue, the entrance and exit to the highway run through a residential neighborhood, making Marin the number-one location of accidents as well.

Dove added, "Unlike Berkeley, there's

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PROFESSIONAL DANCERS Carlos Johnston and Isabelle Rodriguez performed at the Albany Community Center for the teen dance.

## Albany youth dance takes on a new flavor

Teens sample salsa at free event

By Clare Curley  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Swing dance is already getting old at Albany High. That's one reason why some 150 teenagers tried their feet at salsa at Bust-A-Move's free event last Friday, the newest dance fad. They're finding it a little sexier and a lot more do-able than swing, for one.

If you can shake your hips and count to four simultaneously, you're halfway there.

"You're lucky," a flushed and out-of-breath Gary Johnston told the crowd after he and partner Isabel Rodriguez performed to howls of approval. "I was the only kid in high school who knew what salsa was."

That clearly wasn't the case in the Albany Community Center, where mostly freshmen and sophomores showed up for the event.

Two student dancers warmed up the female-dominated audience with an initial demonstration. By the time Rodriguez hit the floor, spinning sharply on spiked heels in a black, tasseled dress that revealed more than it concealed, the girls shouted from the edges of their seats. When the couple finished, one girl jumped up, then sat down, jumped up, and sat down again.

Sponsored by the Albany Library, Bust-A-Move events and dances are funded in part by the Albany Police Chief Operator Driver Safety Program. Paul Rockwell, a youth librarian who oversees the program, says the night had several purposes aside from the obvious.

First, he stresses the cross-cultural element of the event.

That much was definitely accomplished, as evidenced by the mixture of African-American, Latino and white faces in the audience.

Secondly, Rockwell views "partner dancing," and the Latin dance trend in

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## Schools make case in Sacramento

By Suzanne Pardington  
STAFF WRITER

SACRAMENTO — After a day of lobbying and a rally on the state Capitol steps, organizers of a bid to scratch a \$21 million debt off the books of the West Contra Costa Unified School District came away saying they're convinced state lawmakers are listening.

About 400 West County residents — including religious, labor and city leaders, merchants, students, teachers and parents — boarded buses for the state capital May 11, despite indications that Gov. Gray Davis and legislators would not welcome them with open arms.

"We knew we were coming into a situation where people are worried about setting a precedent," said trustee George Harris III. "They wanted to know what makes West Contra Costa special and why they should even listen to us."

Harris and other members of a lobbying team that met Thursday with legislators and their representatives said the tone of the meetings warmed as the district pleaded its case.

The state loan, scheduled to be paid off in 2017, pulled the district from the brink of bankruptcy in 1991 and saved schools from Kensington to Hercules from the threat of closure.

No such emergency bailout loan has ever been forgiven. But proponents of debt relief say students should not have to pay the price — \$1.85 million annually — for the mistakes of past administrators.

Hired in 1987, Superintendent Walter Marks tried to change the way children

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learn by starting a complex system of schools designed to focus around one subject. But the federal dollars and grants Marks counted on to pay for the programs never materialized, putting the district in dire financial straits. By 1991, the district had filed for bankruptcy.

On a sturdy yellow school bus rumbling toward the Capitol, Donisha Patterson, 17, said her classes at North Campus continuation high school have suffered. She said the school lacks physical education equipment, supplies and permanent buildings. She said she was in first grade when the state bailed out the district.

"I was learning my ABCs and 1-2-3s," said Donisha. "I'm trying to make it better for the next students coming in, so they have pencils and paper."

Outside the Capitol at noon, a boisterous crowd held signs saying "Help. Hungry. Need Education" and "Forgive us. We want to learn." They cheered students and elected officials in their rousing cries for loan forgiveness.

"If we want to punish somebody, let's punish the adults who screwed up," said Sen. Don Perata, D-Alameda.

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## WORTH CHECKING OUT

### Multicultural festival

El Cerrito-based Celebrating Culture & Community hosts Sunday's Sister Cities Parade and Multicultural Festival, celebrating the best that El Cerrito and Richmond have to offer. The event, held with the support of the California Arts Council, starts at noon, when the parade leaves the Portola Middle School blacktop and follows a route along Mooser Lane and San Pablo Avenue before crossing into the Richmond Annex, where the festival site at the old Alvarado School. The festival lasts until 5 p.m. Details: 510-236-3255.

### On stage at ECHS

El Cerrito High School's last theater production for the school year is "The Hypochondriac," an update of Moliere's "The Imaginary Invalid." The production opens Wednesday, May 24 for a four-performance run through Saturday, May 27, at 8 p.m. in the ECHS Little Theater. Tickets are \$8. Call 510-524-7351.

### Family story time

All ages are welcome at family story time, which returns to the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. The free series continues through May 30. Details: 510-524-3043.

### Name the spring flowers

Patrons of all ages are invited to the

Kensington Branch Library, 61 Arlington Ave., during open hours, to name the spring flowers. Details: 510-524-3043.

### 'Big band jazz' concert

Albany Adult Education evening Jazz Band performs on Sunday, May 21, at 2 p.m., Albany Middle School, 1259 Brighton Ave., Albany. Free admission. Hear classics by Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, John Coletrane, Count Basie. The school is a five-minute walk from the El Cerrito Plaza BART station and grass seating and picnic tables available. Gates open at noon. Details: 510-559-6580.

### Schools focus group

School board member Pat Player will hold her next focus group Saturday, May 20, in the conference room of the Pinole United Methodist Church, 2000 San Pablo Ave., Pinole, 9-10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend and discuss issues related to the West Contra Costa Unified School District. This is the third focus group held by Player, who was elected in November. She can be reached at playeredu@cs.com

### Wildcat Creek walk

The West Contra Costa Sierra Club is hosting a Memorial Day weekend walk near the mouth of Wildcat Creek on Sunday afternoon, May 28. Visit the reclaimed marsh at the mouth

of Wildcat Creek and walk part way up the Wildcat Creek trail to the playground by Verde School. The trail is wheelchair accessible. It is quite level, except where it crosses beneath Richmond Parkway. Meet at 1 p.m. at Del Norte BART, west side, or 1:30 p.m. in parking lot of Wildcat Creek View Point on the Richmond Parkway between Gertrude and Pittsburg. For information, call Debbi Landshoff at 510-233-9733.

### Battle in Seattle

Author and publisher David Radcliffe will discuss the events in Seattle, as well as who is hurt by the impact of corporate globalization as it is now practiced, on Sunday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, One Lawson Road in Kensington. Who benefits? What changes can be made in order to have a more just economic system. For information, call 510-525-0302.

### AUSD budget workshop

The Albany Board of Education has called a special open-session budget-study workshop on Tuesday, May 30, at 7 p.m., in the Cornell School Multi-Purpose Room, 901 Cornell Ave., Albany. Community members, staff, students and parents are invited to attend.

# Several cars left with four flat tires

By K. Osborn  
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — On the afternoon of May 8, a resident on the 800 block of Madison Street reported that thieves had stolen the stereo from her unlocked car while it was parked in front of her house. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 2 a.m. on May 9, a resident on the 900 block of Ventura Avenue reported hearing a noise at the back of her home and thought it was her adult son who was not allowed to be at her residence. Officers arrived and contacted the subject, who was indeed her 22-year-old son. He was found to have three outstanding no bail warrants, two from Albany and one from Berkeley. He was arrested for the warrants and for violating the stay away orders and was transported to Santa Rita jail.

■ On the morning of May 9, a resident on the 800 block of Stannage Avenue reported that the day prior thieves entered her home through a window and stole items. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 7:30 p.m. on May 10, a resident reported that she had just surprised a subject she described as an Asian female, about 15 to 16 years old, with long hair and wearing a black sweatshirt, who was attempting to steal a gray '91 Toyota Camry that was parked on Evelyn Avenue near Brighton Avenue. The subject was gone when officers arrived.

■ On the afternoon of May 12, a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that thieves had stolen her '86 Toyota Camry while it was parked in front of her home. There were no witnesses.

■ Shortly after noon on May 12, a resident on the 800 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that thieves had stolen the exterior mirror from the driver's side of her black '99 Subaru Outback. There

were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of May 12, a resident on the 1100 block of Marin Avenue reported that vandals had slashed all four tires of her '98 Mitsubishi while it was parked in the garage area. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 1 a.m. on May 13, officers contacted a man on San Pablo Avenue near Solano Avenue for suspicious activity. The 30-year-old Oakland man was found to have outstanding warrants from Berkeley for Hit and Run in the amount of \$2,000. He was arrested, cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ On the afternoon of May 13, a resident on the 1000 block of Ramona Avenue reported that while she was sleeping her boyfriend took her keys and drove off with her teal-colored '92 Mitsubishi van without her permission. Officers took the report.

At about 8 p.m. that day the woman again called police to report that her boyfriend was trying to break into her house through the garage. Officers responded and arrested the 31-year-old man and determined that he was an illegal alien from Mexico. He was transported to Santa Rita jail. Officers recovered the stolen van which was parked in the driveway.

■ On the evening of May 13, a resident on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that thieves broke into her green Jaguar XJ6. ■ On the afternoon of May 14, a resident on the 900 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that a white Saturn sedan had been parked in front of his house for more than five days. The resident was concerned the car was abandoned or stolen. A check revealed the car had been reported stolen from Berkeley. The owner was notified and picked up the car.

■ At about 12:30 a.m. on May 15, an employee at the 7-Eleven store on

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the 1500 block of Solano Avenue reported that he had just been pulled over by a subject he described as a male adult wearing a jacket and matching pants. He stated that the subject took the cash from the till and then hit him with a foot-long pipe. The subject was gone when officers arrived and a search of the area proved negative.

■ At about 1 a.m. on May 15, a resident on the 600 block of Solano Avenue reported that while he was sleeping a subject broke into his house and stole all four tires of his blue '91 Monte Carlo. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 2 a.m. on May 15, officers contacted two girls on the 800 block of Taft Street. The year-old Albany girl and old Kensington girl, were both intoxicated and in possession of alcohol. Their parents were contacted and responded to the scene to collect the girls.

■ On the afternoon of May 15, a resident on the 500 block of Solano Avenue reported that vandals punctured all four tires of her Chevrolet. There were no witnesses.

During the week of May 15, officers towed three cars, to seven false alarms, attended to one deceased animal, assisted three people who were out of their homes or cars.

In the domestic arena, officers responded 15 reports of domestic violence and 97 civil assault.

Albany police officers issued 43 citations for vehicles issuing 43 citations.

Albany firefighters responded to two fire calls and medical emergencies.

# Day at the Races draws good crowd

Some 32 chamber members and their guests were on hand at Golden Gate Fields last Wednesday to view the running of this year's El Cerrito Handicap.

The local delegation enjoyed lunch in the VIP Directors' Room in the Turf Club, watched the day's racing card and looked on as chamber officials visited the winner's circle to congratulate the handicap's winning jockey.

Those attending the El Cerrito Day at the Races included Bill Kerber, Marge Collins and guests, Ann and Frank Hardina, Sewall and Reeva Ginternick and guests, Leona Seidell and guests, Verne and Joyce Odlin, Corinne Brennan, Norma Knudsen, Bea Doherty-Vincent and guests, Larry Sanchez and Danielle Cone, Allan and Gail Essex, Vic and Jan Emmerich, Ken and Pat Berndt, and Ed and Lee Canepa.

### Directory to be mailed

Mailing of the new "Year 2000 Membership Directory and Community Guide" is scheduled to start next week.

In addition to being sent by mail to each chamber member, the 36-page four-color book is now available to the general public for a modest fee. It is on sale at the chamber office, 10848 San Pablo Ave.

The new directory features the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all regular and associate chamber members, a history of El Cerrito, the phone numbers of all city offices and community groups, a de-

scription of special city features, and advertisements for local businesses.

### Reservation deadline today

Chamber members and their guests have until the close of business today to make reservations for the organization's monthly business luncheon on Tuesday, May 23.

Reservations are required for the noon meeting at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club, and may be made by telephoning the chamber office at 510-233-7040.

Guest speaker will be Betty Jo Waxman, course instructor and sales and promotion director for Productive Learning and Leisure on San Clemente, speaking on the subject "Does Your Thinking Limit Your Success?" She will conduct experimental exercises designed to demonstrate how a person's perspectives limit their success.

### Correction Notice

In the May 5 chamber column in the Journal, an item on Shem's Palace joining the chamber contained incorrect information regarding a Monday senior citizens special being offered by the Chinese restaurant.

The story should have read: Every Monday starting May 1, they will be offering senior citizens who buy one meal at full price the opportunity to buy a second meal, of lesser or similar price, at half off.

The chamber regrets any inconvenience this error may have caused.

## El Cerrito Chamber

By Sewall Ginternick

### Volunteers still sought

Calling the response of the business community "disappointing," Chamber President Michael Klinger this week renewed his call for local business people to volunteer for a post on the Economic Development Board being formed here.

Last late month, Klinger, in a strongly worded statement, advised members of his organization that "This seven-person board is expected to play an important part in future business development here."

"As far as I know," Klinger told the group last month, "not one of the three people who have already applied are members of the business community."

Since that time, chamber member Bob Winslow has announced he would seek a position on the economic board.

While any member Klinger designates will automatically become a member of the board, the chamber president insisted it is "vital" the business community be better represented on this body.

"The future of the economic de-

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# Car windows take hits from pellet gun

EL CERRITO — A series of cars were reportedly vandalized with a BB or pellet gun the evening of May 8. First, someone shot at a car parked on the 900 block of Kearny Street, cracking the windshield. The rear window of another car on the same block was also shattered, apparently targeted by the same person.

The same evening, a similar incident occurred. A car parked on the 6300 block of Stockton Avenue was shot with a BB gun, smashing the driver's door window and shattering the glass. In all cases, the suspect was unknown at the time of the reports.

■ The afternoon of May 11, a 15-year-old boy was beaten and robbed near the intersection of Ashbury and Eureka avenues.

A 19-year-old man allegedly approached the youth and stole his backpack. When the victim tried to take it back, the suspect beat him with a baseball bat and "full" beer cans, according to the report.

■ A 38-year-old man who police said was driving under the influence of an unnamed drug was apparently the cause of an accident at Portrero Avenue and Eastshore Boulevard the morning of May 14. He allegedly collided with another car, injuring its 25-year-old female driver. The woman was driving with a 3-year-old boy, who apparently suffered no injuries.

■ A 30-year-old woman was allegedly beaten by a friend outside of a hamburger stand at 6060 Central Ave. The suspect, a 50-year-old man,

had been drinking before the incident. She was taken to the hospital and is recovering. He then beat her in the car and began to drive away, which point she got out of the car.

■ A 12-year-old boy who was shopping at the Target store on San Pablo Avenue, according to police said he concealed a knife in his coat and tried to enter the store without paying, which was caught by a store employee who saw the incident.

■ A purse and jacket were allegedly stolen from a day-timer at 1420 Norvel St. The 46-year-old woman, reportedly someone took her purse.

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## EL CERRITO IN BRIEF

### New supervisor

Bill Driscoll was named as the city's new Maintenance Services Supervisor on May 1.

"Bill has been filling the position of maintenance supervisor on an interim basis since November of last year," said Planning Manager Jill Keimach in a report last week to the City Council.

"With barely 12 months on the job as head worker, Bill quickly assumed the duties and responsibilities of a maintenance supervisor when our current Maintenance and Engineering Services Manager Bruce King moved to City Hall," Keimach said.

### Parking problems

The northeast El Cerrito Plaza parking area is scheduled to be completed in early July as part of the planned Plaza reconstruction project.

To help with parking problems that will probably ensue, the city has scheduled two community meetings to discuss possible changes in street parking near the Plaza and Del Norte BART stations.

The City Council may soon consider plans that include more non-resident four-hour restricted parking and parking near the Plaza BART station and conversion of on-street parking into paid parking in areas adjacent to the Del Norte station.

City staff reports that no changes or modifications are proposed in the existing four-hour restricted parking area around Del Norte BART.

The first community meeting will be Thursday, May 25, at 7 p.m. at the El Cerrito Senior Center at 6500 Stockton Ave. The second meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, in the Community Room at Del Norte Plaza at 11720 San Pablo Ave.

Planning Manager Keimach reports that city staff have invited City Council members, representatives from the West Contra Costa Unified School District, representatives of the El Cerrito Plaza shopping center, BART representatives and County Supervisor John Gioia, among others, to attend the meetings.

### Urban stream

The City Council this week approved a joint application with the Friends of Five Creeks and the city for a state grant for the north fork of Cerrito Creek at Huber Park.

The state Department of Water Resources offers the grants to public agencies and private citizens' groups for projects that reduce flooding and erosion of urban creeks.

"Staff and Friends of Five Creeks have identified an open unimproved section of our storm drain system as a likely candidate for an urban stream restoration project," said Maintenance and Engineering Ser-

vices Manager Bruce King and Community Development Manager Gerald Raycraft in a report to the council.

"This small creek is located in upper Huber Park near Park Way and has a history of erosion damage," the report notes. "Earlier this year, the city and a volunteer group from the Urban Creeks Council performed some emergency bank stabilization work along the channel to prevent further damage to the creek and to protect a paved pathway that serves as the only entrance to Huber Park from the south and east."

The \$8,820 grant, if approved, would fund the needed drainage improvements and repair the part of the pathway which was damaged through erosion.

The grant would also be used to fund surface run-off improvements to divert water away from the creek bank to further reduce erosion problems.

"The restoration and repair work will involve the installation of an asphalt curb along the creek side of the pathway and the installation of two curb drain receptors to collect and transport pathway storm water run off down into the creek through two drain pipes," states the grant.

### New traffic signs

New stop signs at the intersection of Eureka and Ashbury avenues were installed in short order last Thursday, turning the corner in front of El Cerrito High School into a three-way stop.

It was one of several measures the city has taken this year to control traffic around schools.

That same day new larger signs noting that right turns on red lights are not allowed from Fairmount onto Ashbury.

### Club names winners of Police Officers of Year

The Exchange Club of Albany-El Cerrito has selected six police officers as Officer of the Year. The winners: John Geissberger, Albany; John Austin, BART; William E. Badour, Berkeley; John Zatezalo, California Highway Patrol; Eric Christensen, Contra Costa County sheriff; and Scott Clait, El Cerrito.

The six will be honored at an awards dinner May 24 at the Galileo Club, 371 So. 23rd St., in Richmond. No-host social hour is at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. RSVP to L.C. McCune at 236-0459.

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### Heritage roses on display

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The public is invited to bring roses to be identified. These rosarians can also answer questions on culture, varieties to plant for your area, where to purchase old and rare roses.

The celebration is sponsored by Heritage Roses, founded in 1975.

### NEAT holding presentation on wildfire

EL CERRITO — The Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Team is hosting a free special presentation on "Wildfire Preparedness and the Wildland Interface Fire Reduction Project" on Wednesday, May 24 7:15-9:15 p.m. at the El Cerrito Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave.

Attend this free NEAT presentation to learn fire prevention steps everyone can take in and outside the home and yard, as well as neighborhood and community planning efforts that will make homes, neighborhoods, and community safer from the threat of wildfire. Learn about fire-safe landscaping and providing defensible space. The presentation is timed to coincide with the El Cerrito-Kensington Fire Department's annual fire hazard abatement program, which has become the model for many other communities.

The speaker will be Bill McClung, who is project manager of the Wildcat Canyon Western Slope Restoration Project.

He will give a special presentation on the urban wildland interface fuel reduction program in conjunction with the East Bay Regional Parks and the Shelterbelt Demonstration Project.

This new project is designed to reduce the wildfire danger along the wildland interface with the communities of Kensington and El Cerrito.

The project emphasizes reintroduction of native plant species, sensitivity to wildlife habitat, and watershed stewardship. The project is designed to address concerns regarding landslide vulnerability.

This free presentation is on Wednesday, May 24 from 7:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. at the El Cerrito Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave. behind the library.

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# Touching greatness and remembering a generation of heroes

Remember the scene toward the end of "Saving Private Ryan" when the dying Capt. Miller whispers in Pvt. Ryan's ear, "Earn this?"

I think what he meant was that Ryan should try to live the rest of his life in a way that would justify the sacrifice of those who died. Well, I happen to be friends with some Private Ryans, survivors of some of the bloodiest battles of World War II, including Anzio, Monte Cassino, and the rescue of the Lost Battalion.

They are the men of E Company, 2nd Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team — the Japanese-American regiment that won more medals, per capita, than any other unit in American military history.

And I can assure you: In the years since the war, they have indeed "earned" their buddies' sacrifice. (Although they don't think so. Whenever someone calls them heroes, they protest, "We're no heroes. The real heroes are our friends who didn't come back.") But, of course, that's the way heroes always talk.

They were only boys when they enlisted. But unlike most Americans, they weren't in high school or college when they volunteered; they were in concentration camps

— American concentration camps. These camps weren't death camps, like the Nazi version, but they were a national disgrace just the same.

I ask you, if the government was imprisoning your parents and your little brothers and sisters behind barbed wire, would you volunteer to fight for that government? But that's exactly what the men of the 442nd did. It's hard to think of another such example of returning good for evil in all of human history.

After the war, they came back, got their families out of the camps, and set about rebuilding their lives. Despite their battlefield heroics, they still faced "Japs not wanted" signs when they returned home. Nevertheless, they became exemplary citizens. Some became businessmen. Some became farmers. Others became doctors, lawyers and other professionals.

John Togashi of Palo Alto invented the main process for making freeze-dried coffee. (He still holds the patent.) Tad Masaoka of Menlo Park became HUD's environmental staff director for the entire Northern California/Nevada region. Ike Ikegaki of El Cerrito became the quality assurance supervisor for aircraft engines at the Alameda Naval Air Station. And

Daniel Inouye became a senator from Hawaii.

But beyond their professional accomplishments, they also became exemplary human beings. Their wives, children, friends, co-workers and — most tellingly — the people who worked for them could testify to that.

I have so many stories myself, but I'll just tell one: One day back in 1992, a half dozen 442nd vets and I went to lunch at a restaurant at Jack London Square. The waitress was having a very bad day. When our orders arrived, they were all wrong. Nobody got anything even remotely close to what he had ordered.

I was all for sending the stuff back. But the 442nd vets wouldn't hear of it. "Hey, this is good enough," they said. "I can eat it. What's the problem?" Then it hit me: When you've done what they've done, you don't have to push a waitress around to prove you're a real man.

Of the six men I went out to lunch with that day, only three are still living. Every day, I think about the three who are gone — Shig Fukutaki, Ike Ikegaki and Tad Masaoka — and how much I miss them. And how grateful I am that Lawson Sakai, John Togashi and Mas Tsuda are still here, for me to revel in their company and bask in their goodness.

What's true for me is also true for you. Our time with "the Greatest Generation" is growing short. Each one of us has a G.I. or a Rosie the Riveter in our life. It could be your grandmother or your grandfather. Or the old guy who lives across the street. Whoever it is, your chance to say "thank you" is quickly passing you by.

Please don't waste this irreplaceable opportunity. Sit down with them and ask them to talk to you about their memories. If you can, tape them. They'll be shy, but don't give up. I guarantee: You'll

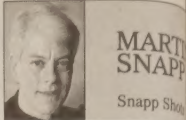
hear stories that will make you see them in a whole new light. Besides, you owe it to your own children. Every kid needs a real-life hero to look up to.

The reason I'm writing all this now is that tomorrow the men of E Company will come to Oakland from all over Northern California for their annual memorial service at Roberts Park. And they extend a heartfelt invitation to you to join them.

"This isn't just for the 442nd," says John Togashi. "This is to honor all veterans of World War II."

If you'd like to touch greatness, come join them. We'll all meet in the second parking lot just before 11 a.m., then walk 100 yards or so to the "Landmark Trees" sign and the Blossom Rock Monument, which is where the 442nd Memorial Redwood is located.

Even if you can't make it to tomorrow's service, you can still join



MARTIN SNAPP  
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a new, nonprofit organization is dedicated to making sure the story of the 442nd is never forgotten. It's called "Friends & Family of Nisei Veterans." Members pay 20 bucks a year, which you mail to the Acting Secretary, Furukawa, 3462 Ellery Court, Fremont, CA 94538. A Web site is also under construction; I'll know when it's up.

I hope to see you tomorrow. Take it from me, you haven't heard anything until you've heard from men like "The Star Spangled Banner." It sends chills up and down your spine, because they really mean it.

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## Harding School to host spring carnival Saturday

EL CERRITO — Harding Elementary School's PTA and Dad's Club is holding a Spring Carnival on Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

This community event is open to friends, families and neighbors in El Cerrito, Richmond, Albany, Kensington and Berkeley.

Harding's carnival will feature a bicycle safety demonstration by the El Cerrito Police.

There will also be exhibits by Lindsay Museum and a performance by Katie's Dance Studio.

The Astropjugg will also be back by popular demand.

Activities include games and prizes, face painting and crafts, and a cake walk.

Some free bicycle helmets and water bottles will also be available from the El Cerrito Police.

Barbecue lunches will be available for purchase. The Masons of El Cerrito are the master chefs assisting with the event.

Sno cones, cotton candy and popcorn will also be available for sale.

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## Police

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desk and used the keys in her purse to enter her car and take her jacket.

No suspects were reported.

The afternoon of May 3, a black Toyota pickup belonging to a Vacaville resident was reported stolen from the 1700 block of Eastshore Boulevard. There were no witnesses at the time of the report.

Criminals are getting organized. The window of a pickup parked on the 6500 block of Knott Avenue was allegedly smashed on May 2, during the day.

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# Opinion

## School debt will not be forgiven

Rally does present opportunity for creative reinvestment in West County school district



**JOE GAROFOLI**  
Columnist

Some of the state's surplus back into its poorest communities. They learned any deal is going to have some serious conditions attached.

Any deal can't make the governor appear to be caving into a debtor district. Especially since Gray helped craft the bailout loan nine years ago as state controller. So let's stop using the words "forgiveness" or "amnesty" and start using ones such as "reinvestment." It's much safer politically. Remember, in politics, it's all about nomenclature.

### The new forgiveness

That means we should forget about a plan floated in the past week that would have district only paying the principal of its loan — roughly \$600,000 a year — for five years. That seems to have died; too forgiving, perhaps. But other ideas surfaced.

On Thursday, acting Secretary of Education Sue Burr asked West Contra Costa leaders to submit a plan that would reinvest some district debt back into school programs. Assemblywoman Dion Aroner is already floating one that would tie any reinvested funds into student achievement over three years. So if the kids don't do well, then the district would be refitted for its financial ball-and-chain.

The next step is for Perata to bless this or any plan, so it will have sponsors in both chambers of the Legislature. Having Perata on board is a plus. Yeah, he's a shameless political opportunist, but he's a loud voice and one of the biggest political bomb-throwers in Sacramento. He's much-needed muscle on this issue. Welcome him.

Another idea discussed Thursday would funnel more money to the district's 29 low-performing schools; a third would compensate the district for being excluded from the state's school-building program for the past nine years.

How soon could any of this happen? Some insiders say it could happen in this budget cycle. Could.

Yet, did you notice how none of these plans mention "forgiveness?" Friends, forgiving should be forgotten when it comes to Sacramento's help on this issue. Doesn't matter what they call it, at least the Capitol types are finally listening to a community's nine-year-old cry for help. And that's good news for the whole East Bay.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Not bothered by planes

There are some who advocate giving Richmond a seat on whatever body recommends air traffic patterns. People are reported to be annoyed by outgoing planes flying over Richmond. Is this the Richmond with two major railroads and two major highways?

I live in El Cerrito and hear the planes, as do many thousands of us here and throughout this vast world. Jet engines are loud, especially on takeoff. How many of us are annoyed by them? I wonder.

Over a long life, I have heard many sounds of the world around me. I can recall the clip-clop of horses pulling milk wagons early in the morning when I was a boy, and the sounds of the many trains as they passed near my home, steam trains with wonderful whistles.

At night, then as now, the sounds of life around us have much to interest us. The sound of the jet taking off intrigues me. Where are the passengers going — Dallas, New York, Paris, Istanbul or Bermuda? This is the sound of life in the year 2000.

I think most of us hear the planes, and the sound is not unlike a lullaby. Now, that lowered Chevrolet that just went down the street with speakers so loud they make my teeth vibrate — that is noise!

Bob Wells  
El Cerrito

### We must agree

We know that sprawl development is wasteful of resources and bad for our environment, but we also know that it provides homes for the middle class and revenue for developers.

We know we don't like congestion on our roads, but too many of us are unwilling to give up our personal car and ride public transit, even just for commuting.

Unless we can make the fundamental agreement to change our laws so that sprawl and congestion are no longer the result of deliberate public policy, then all the talk on this subject is so much blowing air.

We seem to have made the agreement that cigarette sales profits are less important than public health. Now, are suburban development and the single-occupant car still more important than our public environment?

Steve Geller  
El Cerrito

### Incredible red herring

President Clinton is playing our country as if it were a \$2 violin. His extremist, unconstitutional tactics clearly demonstrates his disregard for the Constitution and the laws under which we live.

The home invasion to kidnap the Cuban boy from a law-abiding family is just the lat-

est example of a litany of similarly serious transgressions. The various rationale provided by individuals in the mass media of how important it was to reunite a boy with his father is one of the most incredible red herring's I've ever seen or heard.

Even a liberal law professor from Harvard stated that this raid in Miami was clearly a violation of our Constitution. Add to this your April 25 editorial, which demonstrates your editorial folks don't care or don't have a clue. Either of these is quite dangerous and leads me to warn you: Don't be surprised when the men in black with their machine pistols break down your newspaper's door.

Either you believe in the Bill of Rights or you do not. Which do you choose?

Gary Buffon  
El Cerrito

### Problems of sprawl must be studied

The Sierra Club recently released a report called "Sprawl costs us all — How your taxes fuel suburban sprawl." The most obvious effects of sprawl — loss of open space, increased traffic congestion, loss of community vitality in older urban areas — are only part of the problem.

Roads to new developments are an obvious tax expense. The cost of new roads often crowds out spending for alternatives, such as public transit. The result: In many places the automobile is the only choice, or the only realistic choice.

Less obvious problems the report details are schools and utilities and services.

Sprawl often forces school districts to blow their budgets building new schools rather than making our school system great.

The high cost of extending water and sewer systems, as well as providing police, fire and emergency medical services, is rarely paid for by new development.

Fortunately, in Contra Costa, the problems of sprawl are recognized by many of our elected officials and civic leaders. The county Board of Supervisors has taken a positive approach in ordering a comprehensive study of the Urban Limit Line.

You can support them in this by calling or writing your supervisor to thank him or her for this effort. Special thanks for their leadership go to supervisors Donna Gerber and Joe Canciamilla.

Get the Sierra Club sprawl report by calling 415-977-5653 or at [www.sierraclub.org](http://www.sierraclub.org).

Mike Daley  
El Cerrito

Daley is the conservation coordinator of Sierra Club San Francisco Bay Chapter.

### Be realistic with fishing restrictions

Do we really think that our Federal Marine

Fisheries Agency or any of our federal laws about fishing quotas are really going to make any difference with the number of fish living all over the world? Can we control fishing off our coasts? Maybe we can stop fishing within certain distances off the coasts, but I doubt it.

Now we are fish bigots. Some fish are higher class than others. Our bureaucrats are playing God!

Why are we allowing our federal bureaucrats to stop our fishing rights? How many rights are we losing?

There are 100 trillion-plus fish on earth. They hatch and grow every year. The biggest threat to fish are bigger fish. Big fish eat billions of little fish each and every day. If humans catch the big fish, the little fish have a better chance to grow. Let's be reasonable with federal laws!

The list below states how many metric tons of fish are caught every year all over the world. A metric ton is slightly more than a U.S. ton.

Twelve countries catch the majority of all fish caught yearly. This is a list of annual fish catches from the top 65 fishing countries of the 175 countries on Earth.

1) China, 15,720,000; 2) Peru, 7,870,000; 3) Japan, 5,880,000; 4) Chile, 5,810,000; 5) USA, 5,010,000; 6) Russia, 4,660,000; 7) Indonesia, 3,650,000; 8) India, 3,600,000; 9) Thailand, 2,910,000; 10) Norway, 2,860,000; 11) Iceland, 2,210,000; 12) S. Korea, 2,200,000; 13) Denmark, 1,830,000; 14) Philippines, 1,810,000; 15) Mexico, 1,490,000; 16) Argentina, 1,350,000; 17) Malaysia, 1,170,000; 18) Spain, 1,100,000; 19) Vietnam, 1,070,000; 20) Taiwan, 1,040,000.

21) England, 887,000; 22) Myanmar, 830,000; 23) Bangladesh, 829,000; 24) Morocco, 783,000; 25) Brazil, 750,000; 26) New Zealand, 598,000; 27) Pakistan, 575,000; 28) Ecuador, 553,000; 29) Canada, 547,000; 30) South Africa, 509,000; 31) Senegal, 506,000; 32) Venezuela, 494,000; 33) France, 474,000; 34) Turkey, 454,000; 35) Holland, 451,000; 36) Ghana, 446,000; 37) Ukraine, 373,000; 38) Nigeria, 365,000; 39) Poland, 361,000; 40) Sweden, 357,000.

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Ella Jensen  
El Cerrito

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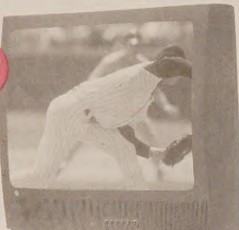
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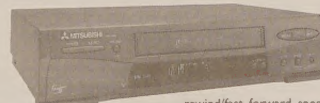
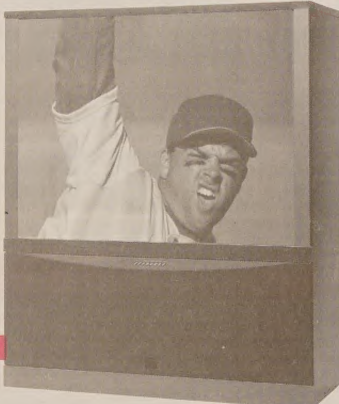
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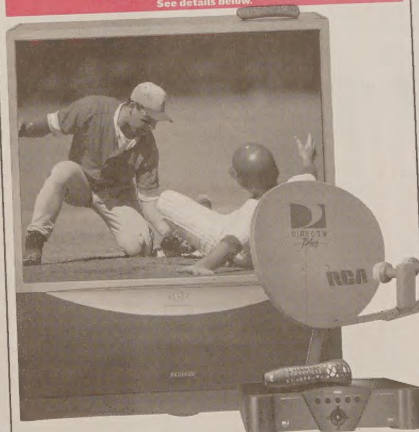
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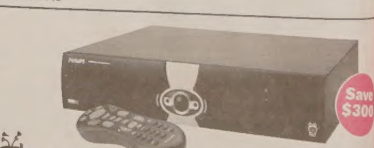

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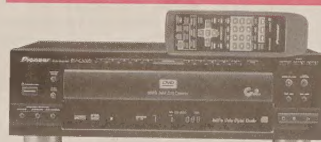
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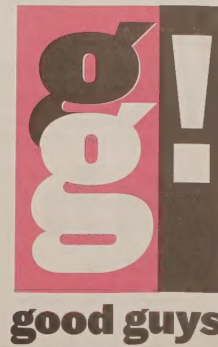
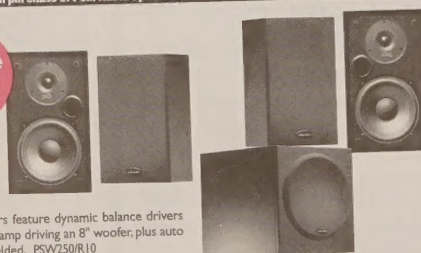
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## ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein  
CORRESPONDENT

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### Albany PTA Council

■ **Volunteers needed for next year.** If you are new to PTA, consider volunteering to serve on a committee. If you have already done so, consider serving as an officer. Volunteering is very rewarding and serves our children and community well!

■ **May 31, Curriculum Conversation** open to Elementary and Middle School parents featuring Superintendent Garry Mills and Deputy Superintendent Connie Hubbard, 7 p.m., AMS Library. Free child care

■ **June 6, ASUD Curriculum Council Meeting**, time and location TBA

### Albany High School

■ **Join AHS PTA** and receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Ruth Gjerde at [ruthg@eecs.berkeley.edu](mailto:ruthg@eecs.berkeley.edu)

■ **SCRIP orders:** Safeway and Andronico's scrip must be purchased from eScrip (800-400-7878). We are selling Natural Grocery scrip, and arranging for Albertson's Community Partners cards. Call Linda Okamoto at 525-6782 or Belinda Lum at 528-2429. E-mail Linda at [cho.pn.lo@cho.org](mailto:cho.pn.lo@cho.org) or Belinda at [belum@pacbell.net](mailto:belum@pacbell.net)

- May 20, senior lunch reservations due
- May 25, Spring Choir Concert
- May 31-June 1, annual student art show, El Cerrito Plaza
- June 1, Instructional Improvement Council meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Room 53
- June 2, senior lunch for senior parents after awards assembly parent volunteers needed to prepare lasagna, provide green salad, help at the event, and make monetary donations. Call Vera Paraschak at 525-7881 or Lynn Quirolo at 527-0709 or e-mail [quirolo@pacbell.net](mailto:quirolo@pacbell.net)
- June 5, PTA meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Library
- June 12, Site Council meeting, 6 p.m., AHS Main Office
- June 16, Graduation, 8 p.m., Berkeley Community Theater
- June 16, Grad Night chaperones needed, call Vickie Diaz at 525-6322.

### Albany Middle School

■ **Join AMS PTA** and receive important announcements by e-mail. Contact Linda Okamoto at [cho.pn.lo@cho.org](mailto:cho.pn.lo@cho.org)

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■ **Photos needed of Pops Concert** on April 27, especially the Barbershop Quartet, for display of PTA sponsored enrichment programs; call Eliza Hess at 524-1018 ASAP

■ **May 23, eighth-grade potluck**, 6 p.m., AMS Atrium, volunteers needed. Call Maria Joyner at 559-3603 or e-mail [joyner6@earthlink.net](mailto:joyner6@earthlink.net)

- June 1, PTA meeting, 7 p.m.
- June 7, seventh-grade potluck, 6-8 p.m., AMS Atrium
- June 8, Site Council meeting, 6 p.m., AMS Library
- June 15, Graduation
- June 15, eighth-grade dance, 9-11 p.m., (sixth- and seventh-grade parent volunteers needed as chaperones; contact Dolores Dalton at [kvelb@aol.com](mailto:kvelb@aol.com))

### Cornell Elementary

■ **SCRIP sales:** Safeway scrip must be purchased from eScrip (800-400-7878). Andronico's scrip can be purchased from eScrip, or paper scrip may be purchased at school. Natural Grocery and Berkeley Bowl SCRIP for sale Wednesday and Fridays, 8:15-8:45 a.m., and Wednesday after school.

### Marin Elementary School

■ **SCRIP for sale** Monday and Friday mornings before school. Orders can be placed in office at any time. Safeway scrip must be purchased from eScrip (800-400-7878). Andronico's scrip can be purchased from eScrip, or paper scrip can be purchased at school. Natural Grocery and Albertson's scrip can be purchased at school.

■ **Reminder:** Please remember to save and turn in General Mills boxtops for education to office.

■ **June 8, PTA meeting**, 7 p.m., Marin Multi-Purpose Room

■ **June 15, Site Council meeting**

### Ocean View Elementary

■ **SCRIP for sale** Wednesday mornings before school on playground; ask for Kim Denton. SCRIP can also be ordered from office. Safeway scrip must

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■ **We are now selling paper scrip** from Ranch 99 Market.

■ **RECYCLE** used computer printer cartridges from your home or office. Look for bins in the library soon.

■ **June 1, PTA meeting**, 7 p.m., Ocean View Library, child care provided

### Board of Education

■ **May 23, Regular meeting**, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

■ **May 30, Special Meeting**, open budget study session, 7 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

■ **June 13, regular meeting**, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room. Vote on adoption of textbooks for AMS social studies, AHS ninth-grade earth science and 10th, 11th and 12th grade social studies. Parents can view proposed textbooks at District Service Center, 904 Talbot, Monday-Friday, 9-4 p.m.

### AUSD calendar

■ **Kindergarten registration:** Call Elementary School closest to your residence

■ **May 29, Memorial Day**, NO SCHOOL

■ **June 16, last day of school**, MINIMUM DAY

*Items? Call Kay Weinstein at 525-0363 or email: [kayweinstein@yahoo.com](mailto:kayweinstein@yahoo.com)*

## EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

■ **Having trouble with math?** Help is on the way! Free math tutoring for EC High School students at lunchtime every day. Room 311

■ **The school Drama Department** presents Molieres' "The Hypochondriac" on Wednesday, May 24-Saturday, May 27, at 8 p.m. at the Little Theater. Admission: \$8. Call box office for more information: 524-7351.

■ **Music parents meeting**, Thursday, May 25, 7:30 p.m. ECHS Band Room

■ **Memorial Day holiday**, Monday, May 29

■ **Final Concert and Awards I**, Thursday, June 1, 7:30 p.m. Jazz Ensemble and Choir. ECHS Little Theater

■ **Jazz Dance**, Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3, 8 p.m. ECHS Little Theater

■ **Modified Day**, Wednesday, June 7

■ **School Site Council**, Wednesday, June 7, 7 p.m. ECHS Library

■ **PTSA meeting**, Wednesday, June 14, 7 p.m. Room 812

■ **Final Concert and Awards II**, Wednesday, June 7, 7:30 p.m. Symphonic and Concert bands. ECHS cafeteria

■ **Senior Awards Night**, Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m. ECHS cafeteria

■ **Grad Night 2000**, Thursday, June 15, 4-6 p.m. Grad night preview. Parents,

Faculty, Community Members welcome. No Students.

■ **Graduation Commencement Exercises**, Friday, June 16, 7 p.m. Richmond Convention Center. Tickets required to attend.

■ **WCCUSD Athletics Golf Tournament**, fund-raiser, June 16. Richmond Country Club.

■ **Last day of school**, Friday, June 16. Noon dismissal.

### SAT Program Test Calendar

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*Tune in to KECG 88.1 FM, 9:55-10:05 a.m. Monday-Friday, for ECHS daily announcements. Visit Web site - <http://www.wccusd.k12.ca.us/elcerrito/>*

## EL CERRITO KENSINGTON PTA

### Castro Elementary

■ **May 25, potluck and PTA meeting**, 6 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

■ **June 7, pizza night**, 5-8 p.m. at Pizza Roma across the parking lot from the El Cerrito Safeway. Take out or eat in, and don't forget to tell them it is for the school and 25 percent will be given to Castro.

### Harding Elementary

May 20, carnival, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. WCCUD calendar

### District news

■ **Town meetings** for communication and input about maintenance issues at the

schools, May 23 at De Anza High, and May 30 at Pinole Valley High. All meetings start at 7 p.m.

■ **May 25, Memorial Day holiday**, no school.

### Board of Education

May 20, school board member Patricia Player's focus group will discuss issues related to the district, 9-10:30 a.m., at the Pinole United Methodist Church, 2000 San Pablo Ave., Pinole. Player can be contacted at [playeredu@cs.com](mailto:playeredu@cs.com) if you have any questions.

*Items? Call Linda Takimoto at 237-6183 or email: [ltakimoto@yahoo.com](mailto:ltakimoto@yahoo.com)*

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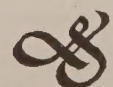
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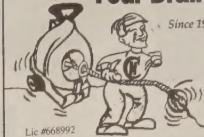


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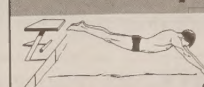
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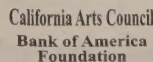
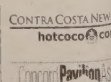
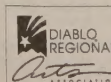
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# Community rallies in Sacramento to end debt payments

On May 11, more than 400 students, parents, local elected officials, employees, community members, and faith leaders gathered in Sacramento for an annual display of unity in support of Contra children and their schools. The rally was for the forgiveness of the \$21 million debt owed by the WCCUSD for a bailout that occurred nine years ago.

Following activities occurred through the day as an advance team, including El Cerrito Mayor Mark Friedman, El Cerrito City Councilwoman Catherine Abelson, Richmond City Councilmember John Marquez, Pinole City Councilmember Maria Alegria, County Supervisor John Gioia, United Teachers of Richmond President Marta Dragos, and representative Betty Arnold, along with Harris III and myself from the school board, and district students, met with school officials to discuss the case of the debt payments. An additional meeting was held with Secretary of Education Sue Burr.

At midday, a rally was held on the south steps of the Capitol. Contra Costa Times columnist Joe Garofoli wrote, "As rallies on the capitol steps go, it was pretty inspired."

It certainly was for this writer. Moderated by John Dairymple of the Contra Costa Central Labor Council and David Carrillo of Familias Unidas, the rally featured presentations from Assemblymember Dion Aroner, state Sen. Don Perata, and Assemblyman Tom Torlakson all of whom pledged to continue working with the district to end debt payments.

The rally also heard from Kathy Rollins of PEU Local 1, Dragos of United Teachers of Richmond, Rev. John Howard of Sojourner Truth Church, Supervisor John Gioia, and yours truly representing the school board.

But I think there would be unanimous agreement that the student speakers from El Cerrito High School, Kennedy High School, North Campus, Richmond High School and Pinole Val-

ley High School provided some of the most powerful moments of the rally through their personalized and concrete descriptions of the impact of underfunded schools on students' lives.

Father Tony Valdivia of St. Cornelius Church, who worked tirelessly to promote the rally, ended the program with music and song.

The impact of the rally and lobbying was palpable as the conversation around the debt has shifted to state officials asking the district for a proposal on how these funds could be reinvested in our schools. Superintendent Gloria Johnston is working with our legislators to submit a plan hopefully in time for consideration during the current round of budget discussions.

In the meantime, Gov. Davis still needs to hear from the community about this issue so keep those letters and petitions flowing to Sacramento!

Sample letters, petition formats, photos from the rally, and several of the day's speeches can be found on the West

County School Watch Web site: <http://www.igc.org/westcounty/>

## Harding Spring Carnival this Saturday

Harding Elementary School's PTA and Dad's Club is holding a Spring Carnival on Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. This delightful community event is open to friends, families and neighbors in El Cerrito, Richmond, Albany, Kensington and Berkeley. Harding's carnival will feature a bicycle safety demonstration by the El Cerrito Police, exhibits from the Lindsay Museum and a performance by Katie's Dance Studio. The Astrojump will also be back by popular demand. Activities include games and prizes, face painting and crafts, and a cake walk. Some free bi-

cycle helmets and water bottles will also be available from the El Cerrito Police.

Barbecue lunches will be available for purchase. The Masons of El Cerrito are the master chefs assisting with the event. Sno-cones, cotton candy and popcorn will also be available for sale.

All activities will be held on the playground, behind the school, located at Fairmount and Ashbury in El Cerrito (just a few blocks east of the El Cerrito Plaza Bart Station).

Harding Elementary School is part of the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Nearly 500 students kindergarten through sixth grade attend the school, which features a terrific staff, a super computer lab, knock-out music programs and a

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By Glen Price

multi-cultural program for students and their families. The Spring Carnival is a fund-raiser to support all these activities and more.

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## Chamber

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ment program we worked so to help establish here may well on how well members of the other respond to this request for letters," he said.

applicant questionnaires are available at the city clerk's office in City or by calling 510-215-4305. Business representatives on the and do not have to be city residents.

## more reinvestments

recent weeks two more local have shown their support for El Cerrito chamber by reinvesting the organization for another

chamber officials of the would like express their gratitude to ACM Engraves and Plaza Beauty Supply for ending their membership.

## chamber art award

ay Carpenter was the winner of El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Award at the recent Art Show. She held by the El Cerrito Art Association, a longtime associate member of the business organiza-

Carpenter's winning oil painting, "Pinole," was also reported to be the first painting sold on the night of the three shows.

Other winners of special awards at the association's 24th annual show sale included: East Presidents Award, Phyllis East; Memorial Award, Liu Shi; Community Service Award, Andy Champion; Mayors Award, To and The Women's Club of El Cerrito Award, Ellen Yamada.

This year's Art Association event had 202 entries and developed a total of \$1,725 in sales.

## Summer Salsa' scheduled

The merchants of El Cerrito Chamber, most of who are chamber

members, will hold a free Summer Salsa in connection with the farmers market.

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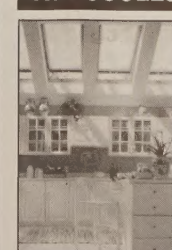
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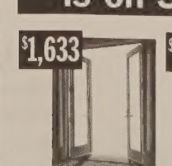
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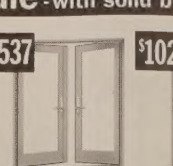
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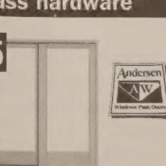
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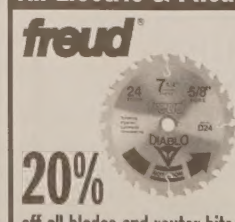
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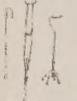
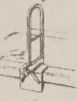


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"Although the circumstances are often emotionally difficult, information and a source of guidance and support make the process of accounting for and transferring assets much easier for the bereaved to handle."

The following suggestions may help inform and guide those faced with the task of transferring assets.

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It is available free of charge by calling 1-800-988-8261. Of course, one should consult a tax or financial advisor concerning their individual situation.

Be sure that you have carefully reviewed copies of the will or trust. Remember, these documents communicate the wishes of your loved one.

Identify all sources of income. This includes the deceased's final paychecks, monthly retirement or pension checks, Social Security benefits, insurance and retirement savings plans.

Your own goal should be to maintain financial stability. Avoid any immediate drastic personal changes that would affect your own finances or increase your living expenses.

Prepare for probate. This is the formal legal process of settling the affairs of an estate in which everything that belonged to the deceased is carefully inventoried, and any debts are paid.

Once estate taxes are calculated and paid, remaining assets are transferred to the appropriate heirs. Keep in mind that this can be a time-consuming and expensive process that may require an estate planning attorney with whom you are comfortable.

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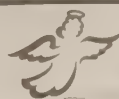
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## Bike-to-Work pit stop

**CITY COUNCILWOMAN** Janet Ableson hands out beverages and free gifts Tuesday at the 'energizer station' set up at the El Cerrito Del Norte BART station for participants in the annual Bike to Work day. Cyclist Steve Fulton stopped by on his way to UC Berkeley

## Traffic

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no Albany Unified school bus system," so many children walk along the heavily trafficked area.

Councilman Robert Good, one of two opposed to accepting the traffic plan, had his own grievance.

"The obvious answer is police and unmarked police cars. If you leave

out the obvious solutions, that leads you to more desperate measures like speed bumps. It also punishes the innocent," he maintained.

Police Chief Larry Murdo says he is willing to add bodies to patrol the area by paying them overtime, but he thinks that physical impediments like speed bumps are the answer.

Ticketing doesn't give the lasting effect of changing behavior, he says.

The force also has its limitations. "Not only is it a small police force,

but add the Family Leave Act, mandatory training, the Military Leave Act — it dwindles," said Murdo.

Murdo brings up another possible side-effect of a three-lane Marin: road rage. He said the police force is planning to propose to the City Council obtaining a grant for an additional officer on a motorcycle. The additional person would issue citations "where our highest priority is," Murdo said. "Marin is probably number one."

## Pokorny

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the citizens of this city and the members of the City Council," Mayor Mark Friedman told Pokorny at the council meeting. "I'm glad that you will shepherd us through this budget process and over the next few months. "I can't thank you enough

for all that you've done for the city."

"He's given a lot to the community," Councilwoman Janet Ableson said Tuesday. Sustainable El Cerrito Chairwoman Lori Dair praised Pokorny's work, calling him a "thoughtful and committed person," and adding, "He's a class act."

Councilman Larry Damon said the City Council has known for "some time back" of Pokorny's desire to retire. "We have been negotiating

over a period of time what the final elements of that retirement would be," Damon said on Tuesday. "His desire to retire has been known to the council — it's been accepted unanimously by the council."

Damon said there was no explicit City Council request for Pokorny to retire. "He has provided 11 years of service to the city — that is a long time as city managers go," he said. "He has earned his retirement."

## Dance

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particular, as a positive one in a town with few social alternatives for the under-21 crowd. The '90s saw some kids hurtling prematurely into adulthood — now they can slow down and enjoy the rhythm.

"This gives them a chance to try out their feelings — to be romantic when it isn't a big deal," Rockwell said.

Anne Moore, president of Albany High's dance club, says dancing has gained popularity at the school of late.

"Basically, I'd like to see more dances and theme nights," she said. With restricted hours, dance events tend to get squeezed into limited time slots.

A good number of male students also showed up, but it will take more coaxing to detach them from the sidelines.

Ryland Knight, a senior, explained, "Boys are much more self-conscious." His dislocated arm gave him an ex-

cuse to stand against the wall and observe the circle of students that had now formed in the center of the room.

If anything, the demonstration got more than a few students to commit to the center's Sunday evening dance classes — for now anyway.

"I'm definitely going with a bunch of friends," said Jamie Vislocky, a junior who has dabbled in many dance forms.

One senior said that these events don't really fit into his idea of a social life — "You're supposed to already know how to dance," he said.

## Chief stresses resident involvement

Neighborhoods that communicate with each other safer, he tells Crime Prevention Committee members

By J.R. Deaton

**EL CERRITO** — New Police Chief Scott Kirkland attended the May 10 Crime Prevention Committee meeting and talked to committee members and others about crime prevention, parking and other challenges facing the city.

"I look forward to working with this committee in a new position," Kirkland told committee members. "What I'd like to see is that this committee increase in size and try to become more involved in the city." Kirkland said that with programs such as National Night Out and Neighborhood Watch, the city is trying to "bring the neighborhoods together" and get block neighbors to know one another.

"We're going back to some of the concepts that were around when I grew up," Kirkland said. "Everyone in the neighborhood knew each other. We got away from that somehow. I realize that we all lead very busy lives and sometime we don't take that time, but we need to take that time to get to know each other once again."

Kirkland talked about the possibility of citizen volunteer patrols coordinated with a larger Crime Prevention Committee. "I'm open to that type of discussion, if that's where we want to go, let's look at that as a possibility," Kirkland said. "But we need more (Crime Prevention Committee) members, that's the key message. The more we can recruit, the bigger we can get, the more we can offer in terms of services to the city."

Kirkland was asked about parking problems and parking enforcement near the city's BART stations, especially around the Plaza during reconstruction when the Plaza parking lot will be fenced off.

Kirkland said community education will be emphasized, but that ticketing and towing will be an option "if we have to."

The City Council may soon consider such measures as increased four-hour non-resident parking zones and paid street parking near the Plaza BART station and paid parking adjacent to the Del Norte station.

Two community meetings to discuss the BART parking issues have been scheduled for later this month

"I realize, and I think the Council realizes, that BART does impact the quality of terms of parking, for our city," Kirkland said. "They're trying to help us with terms of getting the involved." Police liaison Robert De La Campa at the meeting and he distributed crime reports for of April and committee members viewed the stats.

There were six residential burglaries in April, with the gaining entrance by prying doors, kicking open a door through an open garage or window.

Some of the victims reported loss, but thieves did make away with a bicycle, a camera, jewelry in three of the incidents.

There also were 17 April carjacking cases and 17 April cases being investigated by ECPD. Eight of the auto thefts involved Toyota Camrys and were Toyota Corollas

## Schools

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The participants then broke into groups to visit members of the Senate and Assembly committees on education. But few got through the office doors to speak directly to the committee members.

A smaller group of lobbyists stayed all day to meet with staff members for Davis and three lawmakers involved in the education budget process now under way in Sacramento.

But their time with state lawmakers was restricted largely to local representatives — Perata and Assembly members Dion Aroner, D-Berkeley, and Tom Torlakson, D-Antioch. Aroner, who helped set up the meetings, was undeterred by the lack of lobbying time with other legislators.

"All that matters to me is the issue is on the table," Aroner said.

The district's chance to plead its case directly with Davis fell to a small group of students and teach-

ers — on a trip to the bathroom.

In a brief encounter in the hallway of the Capitol, students were too starstruck to make their pitch for debt relief. But teacher Sewelyn Kaplan jumped on idle chatter about softball to complain of a lack of softball at her school.

"He told us, 'You'll have them soon because I just gave the schools a bunch of money,' and then he walked away," Kaplan said.

Indeed, the governor's pledge last week of an additional \$1.79 billion for California schools next year — with no strings attached — left some state officials reluctant to offer the West County lobbyists additional help.

The increase of \$328 per student means at least \$10 million more next year for the 33,000-student West County district.

Jim Wilson, consultant to the Senate committee on education who met with the West Contra Costa group, called the district's pursuit of debt relief "a pretty daunting task."

"All the members can point to districts in their own areas with similar problems who had to tough it out,"

Wilson said.

The lobbying effort was critical time, when 29 of the 51 schools are designed to be "derperforming" by the state about 300 teachers leave and when the district faces a plan in repairs to aging facilities an annual maintenance of \$2.5 million.

West County's novice were heartened by a message from Susan Burr, interim state superintendent for education. Perata, West County school board President Price and Superintendent Johnston attended.

Price said Burr requested a proposal for investing the money back into the district plan would link debt relief to student performance gains.

"A lot of people got hurt by the word forgiveness," said "We don't care if it's forgiveness, as long as we have resources to level the playing field."

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# Wilson

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terial of Carr Jones. These bricks are said to have been recycled from a Catholic monastery in Oakland that had been demolished. Jones was fond of using recycled materials, both for their antique appearance, and because it was environmentally sound to do so.

All the windows in this house are casement style with metal lattices, and retain their original metal handles.

The dormer window to the right of the arched front doorway incorporates projecting beam ends with carved gargoyle heads. The three brick chimneys along the roofline curve upward, in a slightly exaggerated version of medieval Normandy farmhouses.

The entry hall is circular, (a popular shape in Carr Jones' homes) and has a shallow domed ceiling.

The front door is made of redwood, with a wrought iron knocker and handle. Four arched openings in the entry hall are comprised of three doors and one decorative niche. The door to the left leads to the master bedroom.

The master bedroom has random plank redwood floors, twin closets with arched wooden doors, and a bay window with an interior niche that overlooks the quiet cul-de-sac beyond the driveway.

The ceiling in this bedroom is cathedral-like, with exposed redwood beams running across its high peak.

The master bathroom still has most of its original porcelain fixtures, decorative tiled floor, and wooden door on its corner linen cabinet.

The ceiling in this room also has open beams. The second bedroom, adjoining the master bath, has a similar beamed cathedral ceiling to the master bedroom.

This room also has a large walk-in closet, and the windows look out over the backyard, with its original wooden fences and rusticated stone walls.

The living room of 15 Humphrey Place is quite spacious, with a magnificent, soaring open beamed ceiling. The fireplace has a large, tiled

panel above the mantel with a custom design of a rural European landscape.

At the bottom of the roof beams Carr placed "ship braces" which have four-leaf clover patterns carved into them.

There are pocket French doors with metal latticing that lead out to the back yard.

The kitchen was redone by the current owner in 1998, in a blend of gourmet and country style. There is a cozy office alcove off the back of the kitchen.

This room has a generous pantry to the left, and the windows have a pleasant view of the original brick-patented patio and retaining wall in the back yard.

A delightful round breakfast room juts out from the front of the kitchen (this is the turret seen from the street). The ceiling here is conical, and there are five latticed windows and a niche in the wall for displaying plates.

There is also a small fireplace set into the wall, which is not working at the present time.

The back yard at number 15 Humphrey Place retains most of its circa 1929, Carr Jones-designed features with its terraced, upslope lot, set off by several level areas, and the yards original slate steps and pathways leading up the hillside.

The lot covers 13,800 square feet, and it is lush and sylvan, with lots of trees and flowering bushes.

The attached garage is below the master bedroom, on the left end of the house.

It is a one car garage, with an arched front door that has a projecting wooden beam end above it. The garage doors remind one of the barn doors that one might see on medieval farmhouses that dot the French Normandy landscape.

One can enter the garage through a unique, folding doorway that is inserted into the larger main door.

At the back of the garage, there is there is a laundry room with an arched door leading to it.

The house at 15 Humphrey Place has a total of seven rooms, including the entry hall, office alcove, and breakfast room.

## OPEN HOUSE

The home at 15 Humphrey Place will have open house for the public this Sunday, from 2 until 4:30 p.m.

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There are two bedrooms, and one full bathroom. According to the Alameda County Tax Assessor's records, the total living space is 1,469 square feet, not counting the garage and laundry room.

This fine example of a Carr Jones medieval Norman country house can be seen by an appointment with the listing agent, or by calling the listing office.

The listing agent is Karen Starr, of the Grubb Company at 1960 Mountain Boulevard in Oakland.

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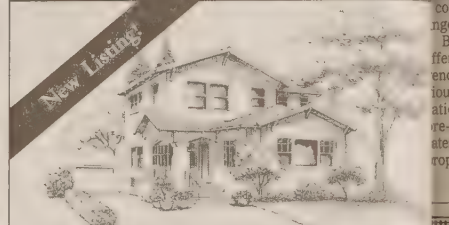


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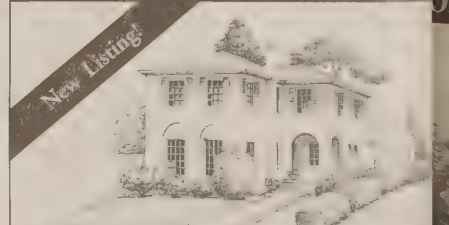
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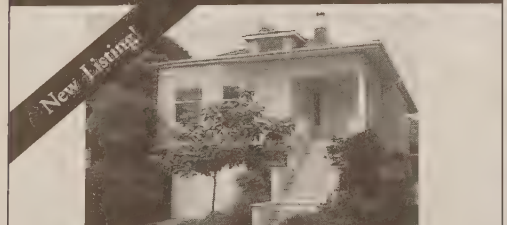
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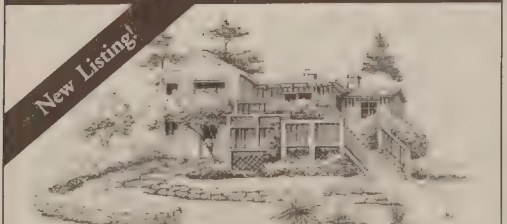
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# Unwritten contingencies could cause chaos

What You Don't Know Can Hurt You



By Don Dunning

the buyer.

Likewise, many real estate salespeople advise their buyers to omit an inspection contingency. Ostensibly, this is a strong offer because it is contingency-free. Nevertheless, further examination shows most of these to be Swiss cheese.

## Dangers to buyers

Waiving an inspection contingency without the benefit of your own, thorough inspections is very risky. You might be paying a premium for a home with serious deficiencies that you do not have funds to fix.

Even if you have a pre-approval letter, this is not a 100% guarantee that the lender will grant you the loan. By not having a financing contingency, you are telling the seller that you can and will come up with the money necessary to close even if your loan is denied. This is equally true if you need proceeds from the sale of another property and have not written this as a contract contingency. Do not be so naive as to think you will not be held personally responsible if you cannot perform.

In order to be competitive, buyers are encouraged to submit large deposits. Three per cent of the purchase price is common; higher amounts are not unusual. A buyer who has contingencies that were not written into the contract needs to be concerned about not being able to retrieve his deposit if the escrow does not close. Additional penalties could also be assessed to the buyer, depending on contract language.

## Dangers to sellers

If this market goes south, buyers at some future date may be upset at the difference between what they paid and the diminished value of their home. History has shown that some of these buyers will search for wrongdoing by the seller and agents in the transaction.

One possibly fruitful area could be failure of the seller and agents to ensure the buyer had a sufficient opportunity to fully inspect the property. If he later discovers costly problems, the buyer might claim he wanted inspections, but was coerced into not getting them

in order to have a chance of buying in competition. I recommend an inspection contingency in contracts for buyers, regardless of the number of other offers.

Similarly, I strongly encourage my sellers to insist that the successful bidder on their home have an adequate chance to perform inspections. I tell buyers' agents who write offers on my listings that if they do not include an inspection contingency in their contract, I will add it in a counteroffer.

Likewise, buyers should have a written loan contingency unless they can provide substantiation of the source of all the funds needed to close the transaction. I counsel my sellers not to rely on a pre-approval letter as proof positive that a loan contingency is not needed.

I explain to sellers that, even if the buyer has omitted a loan contingency, having one for an appraisal amounts to the same thing. This is true even though the buyer's agent presents it as an offer that does not need loan approval.

In fact, the house still needs to appraise for full price unless the buyer has put down more than 20 percent of the purchase price. If not, the buyer can cancel and is entitled to have his deposit refunded.

## Final thoughts

In an auction-like atmosphere, buyers and their agents will go to great lengths to get their offer accepted. Contracts represented as contingency-free, often are not. As a buyer or seller, you need to know the difference.

The most professional Realtors have the experience and knowledge to help you distinguish a solid written agreement from a shaky one. Make sure to choose an agent who will not let you be the victim of what is unstated in the contract.

For copies of my previous, related articles, *Multiple Offers and Condition is Critical*, visit my Web site at [www.eastbay-realtor.com](http://www.eastbay-realtor.com), or call me.

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# The battle of the 'Option ARMs'

Of the essential elements of an Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM), many believe that the most critical is the index on which it is based.

The more stable and slower moving the index, the less risk that the borrower will experience a roller coaster ride of changing interest rates.

There are others who argue that the "margin" (the lender's profit) drives the better ARM. The lower the margin, the less risk that the borrower's fully indexed rate will "cap out" (reach the lifetime capped rate).

So, structuring the ARM to meet the borrower's needs and level of risk becomes a science laced with art. The "Option ARM," a perennial favorite that offers flexibility and cash flow benefits to the borrower, is experiencing a few new twists to its matrix.

Option ARMs are called as such because they offer the borrower the following payment options:

1) The minimum payment, based on the start rate and "fixed" for one year. The payment increases 7.50 percent annually. The minimum payment is a less than interest only payment where the lender adds the unpaid interest to the principle, a practice known as "Negative Amortization."

2) An interest only payment based on the index plus the margin (the lender's profit).

3) A fully amortized payment at the fully indexed rate. The loan is amortized over 30 years (or 40 years under some lender programs).

4) A 15-year amortized payment. When it comes to the Option ARM, the index we Californians are most familiar with is the 11th District Cost of Funds Index, the COFI. This index traditionally remains more stable and slower-moving. The index is based on the average interest rates savings institutions in the 11th District (California, Arizona and Nevada) pay for their deposits. This month's index stands at 5.002, the first time it's been over 5 percent since February 1996.

The COFI was the loan of choice for lenders such as Great Western Bank, Home Savings and Loan, American Savings and Loan and other lending institutions that were eventually gobbled up by massive Washington Mutual, which now focuses on a loan product based on the

MTA (Monthly Treasury Average).

World Savings, Bank United and Downey S&L still offer COFI loan products, but the start or minimum payment rate is well above the 2.75 percent start rates of past years and the margins range from 2.75 percent to 3.30 percent.

Many lenders have replaced the COFI with the Monthly Treasury Average (MTA), that is the twelve-month average of monthly yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities, adjusted to constant maturity of one year.

The index is calculated by adding together the monthly yields on one-year Treasury constant maturities, as published in Federal Reserve Board Statistical release G-13 for the preceding 12 months available as of the date 15 days before the rate is set and dividing the result by 12. (Also known as a 12-month weighted average.)

The MTA ARM product can be modified to reward the borrower for good credit standing.

The borrower can also design the loan to have a lower start rate, margin and life cap.

For example, a borrower who is purchasing or refinancing a home to 80 percent loan to value and has a minimum credit score of 680 would be offered an MTA ARM that offers a 30-year amortization, 3.45 percent start/minimum payment rate, a 2.75 margin with a 10.95 percent life cap with no points.

The borrower who scores 750 or better has the option to buy down the start rate to 2.75 percent, the margin to 1.85 percent and the life cap to 9.95 percent.

This month's MTA index is 5.58 percent. To determine your fully indexed rate you add the margin to the index.

So this month, the borrower with the better credit score would have an interest rate of 7.43 percent versus 8.33 percent.

Translated into real dollars on a \$400,000, 30-year amortized loan amount, the monthly principle and interest payment goes from \$2777.71 to \$3027.59. That's a difference of \$249.88 each and every month.

The latest offering came from a major national wholesale lender who

## Mortgage Madness



By Karen Senzig

has introduced another index to the Option ARM.

The LIBOR (London Inter-Bank Offered Rate) has been around for years and is most currently known to be linked with sub-prime ARM loans. This month's LIBOR Index is 6.191 percent.

The LIBOR Option ARM offers the borrower a variety of choices.

The start rate ranges from 3.875 percent with a margin of 1.625 percent and a cost of two points (2 percent of the loan amount) to a start rate of 6.25 percent with a margin of 2.25 percent at a no point cost.

The real benefit of this Option ARM is the low cost with no prepayment penalty.

Most lenders offering no-point or no-cost loans usually hook at least a one-year prepayment penalty, more commonly three years.

If the borrower pays down the principle by more than 20 percent per year within the prepayment term, the usual penalty is six months interest on the balance less 20 percent per year.

So, if the borrower had a three-year prepayment penalty on a \$300,000 loan and decides to refinance after 14 months, the prepayment penalty would be 6 months interest on \$240,000.

There is also a soft prepayment penalty: If you sell your property within the prepayment penalty term, the lender forgives the penalty.

Just another question to ask in the world of Mortgage Madness.

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# Consumers say Internet revolutionizing industry

WASHINGTON - Nearly four in 10 buyers now use the Internet to shop for their next home, according to a new survey released today by the National Association of Realtors.

NAR's 2000 Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, the latest in a biennial series of surveys evaluating marketing, demographic and other characteristics of home buyers and sellers, found that 37 percent of all home buyers use the Internet to search for a home, an eighteen-fold increase in only four years.

"The Internet is empowering consumers and making them more knowledgeable," said NAR President Dennis R. Cronk (www.denniscronk.com). "In these times of low inventories in many local markets, many buyers are using the Internet to look for their next home quickly and easily."

The survey also found that Internet shoppers are more likely to use real estate agents than non-Internet shoppers. Eighty-seven percent of Web home shoppers use a real estate agent or broker, while 76 percent of traditional buyers work with

an agent.

Despite the sellers' markets in many locales and predictions that the Internet would diminish the role of agents, the study found that only 16 percent of homes were sold directly by owners in 1999, a slight reduction from 18 percent in 1997. In previous hot markets, as many as 20 percent of owners would try to sell without an agent. Also, the median selling price of a home sold directly by an owner was \$113,000, while the median selling price of a home sold by an agent was \$129,900.

"Technology has created a new delivery channel for real estate services, not replaced the old," Cronk said. "Whether they are shopping on line or on foot, most consumers still want a professional to interpret the data, negotiate the transaction, provide expert advice and close the sale or purchase of what's likely to be the largest transaction of their lives," he said.

The study found that Internet shoppers buy more expensive homes than do traditional buyers. According to the survey, the median home

price paid by a Web shopper in 1999 was \$138,000, while the median price of a home purchased by a non-Internet user was \$120,000. Internet shoppers also earn more - \$69,900 median income vs. \$55,800.

Realtor.com, NAR's Web site, was the most popular Web site visited by buyers, cited by 61 percent of Internet shoppers. "This comes as no surprise, since Realtor.com has most of the property listings available in the United States," Cronk said.

Dr. Fred Flick, NAR's vice president of economic research, said first-time homebuyers remain a significant part of the market, accounting for 42 percent of sales in 1999. "A strong first-time buyer market is important to the entire housing market. Without the generally good housing affordability we have today, people wouldn't be able to buy their first home, and families who can't sell their present house are unable to trade-up to a larger home to meet growing family needs," Flick noted.

The typical first-time buyer was 32 years old, compared to 45 years old for repeat buyers. Entry level

buyers earned a median income of \$49,700 vs. \$68,600 for repeat buyers, and purchased a home costing \$104,000 vs. \$150,000 for repeat buyers. The typical downpayment for first-time buyers was \$5,000, while repeat buyers made downpayments of \$26,000 consisting largely of equity from their previous home.

For all buyers, the average length of time from contract to closing was four weeks, compared with six weeks in 1997. The average home was on the market only five weeks in 1999, down from eight weeks in 1995 and 10 weeks in 1991. "Technology is playing a role here as well, streamlining some of the steps necessary to complete the transaction," Flick said.

Consumers continue to use a wide variety of sources in searching for a home, but when it comes to where people first learn about the home they actually buy, 49 percent identified real estate agents. In addition, 15 percent said yard signs, 8 percent from a newspaper and another 8 percent from a friend, neighbor or relative. Ten other sources generated

smaller numbers, including the Internet where four percent of buyers first learned about the home they bought.

"What this tells us is that buyers think it's important to look far and wide to buy a home, but when it comes right down to it, real estate agents, along with their access to multiple listing services, are where the action is," Cronk said. "In addition, the Internet is allowing buyers to shop and educate themselves at their own pace and at their own convenience, making it easier for people to take the next big step in contacting a real estate agent," he added.

"However, agents who do not have a Web presence and are not technologically savvy are at a disadvantage in terms of being sought by the 37 percent of shoppers who look for a home on the Internet and are comfortable in using e-mail and technology," Cronk said. Three-quarters of survey respondents said it was somewhat important for their real estate agent to be "Internet savvy."

Forty-six percent of buyers hired a buyer representative, and two-

thirds of all buyers said they definitely use the same real estate agent again in a future transaction.

Not surprisingly, the factors influencing home buyers dealt mostly with location, the neighborhood, price, school and families and friends. The full survey will be later this month in time for Midyear Meetings in Washington, May 17-21.

It was compiled from a page questionnaire, mailed the winter of 2000 to 200,000 home buyers who either bought a home during 1999 based on house deed records. The rate was 9.4 percent. Previous surveys in this series were 10,000 questionnaires, a comparable response rate.

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The Federal Trade Commission cautions all homeowners to be on the lookout for:

■ **Equity Stripping:** The lender gives you a loan, based on the equity in your home, not on your ability to repay based on your income. If you can't make the payments, you could

end up losing your home.

■ **Loan Flipping:** The lender encourages you to repeatedly refinance the loan and often, to borrow more money.

Each time you refinance, you pay additional fees and interest points. That only serves to increase your debt.

■ **Credit Insurance Packing:** The lender adds credit insurance to your loan, which you may not need.

■ **Bait and Switch:** The lender offers one set of loan terms when you apply, then pressures you to accept higher charges when you sign to complete the transaction.

■ **Deceptive Loan Servicing:** The lender doesn't provide you with ac-

curate or complete account statements and payoff figures. That makes it almost impossible for you to determine how much you have paid or how much you owe. You may pay more than you owe.

Some of these practices violate federal credit laws dealing with disclosures about loan terms, discrimination based on age, gender, marital status, race, or national origin; and debt collection.

You also may have additional rights under state law that would allow you to bring a law suit.

The FTC suggests if you're thinking about using your home as collateral for a loan, be careful. Unless you can make the loan payments out of current income, you could lose your home as well as the equity you've already built up. Some additional tips to remember:

The lure of extra money or the chance to reduce monthly credit payments can be very costly in the long run.

High interest rates and other credit costs could get you in over your head.

Credit insurance may not be a good deal from a lender. If you want the added security of credit insurance, shop around.

Don't sign a loan agreement if the terms are not what you were given when you applied.

Ask for an explanation of any dollar amount, term, or condition that you don't understand.

Federal law is very clear about what credit and loan term information must be provided in writing when you apply for a loan and before you sign any agreement.

In addition, shop around for the best loan terms and interest rates. Contact lending institutions, banks and credit unions, and get a legal or financial advisor's opinion on one you can trust before you sign any loan decisions.

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# Sales, median price hit all-time high

LOS ANGELES - Sales of existing homes in California in March 2000 hit a 6.8 percent increase and the median home price rose 12.5 percent compared to the same period a year ago, according to the California Association of Realtors and Transamerica Intelltech, real estate information service, reported.

Consumer confidence and an overall sense of sustainable economic growth continued to propel the California residential real estate market to record heights in March," said C.A.R. President Richard F. Gaylord.

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled 562,090 in March, an increase from 526,000 in March 1999, according to information collected by C.A.R. from more than 90 local Listing Services (MLS).

Statewide home resale activity rose 6.8 percent from the 526,510 sales pace recorded in March 1999. Escrow activity posted an increase of 12 percent in March 2000 compared to February 2000.

The statewide sales figure represents what the total number of homes sold during 2000 would be if sales maintained the March pace throughout the year.

The index is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence the sales.

The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in California during March 2000 was \$212,330, a 12.5 percent increase from the \$188,700 median for March 1999, C.A.R. reported.

The March 2000 median price increased 3.6 percent compared to February 2000. C.A.R., in conjunction with Transamerica Intelltech's MetroScan software and information product, reported that 86 percent of California cities and counties showed an increase in their median home prices from the same period a year ago.

## March 2000 housing figures

C.A.R.'s Unsold Inventory Index shows existing, single-family detached homes in March 2000 was 2.9 months, compared to 4.8 months for the same period a year ago.

The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 8.24 percent during

March 2000, up from 7.04 percent in March 1999, according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 6.70 percent in March 2000, up from 5.77 percent in March 1999.

The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home was 36 days in March 2000, compared to 42 days for the same period a year ago.

Regional MLS sales and price information is contained in the charts that accompany this press release.

Regional sales data is not adjusted to account for seasonal factors that can influence home sales.

**The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home was 36 days in March 2000, compared to 42 days for the same period a year ago.**

The MLS median price and sales data for detached homes is generated from a survey of more than 90 associations of Realtors throughout the state. MLS median price and sales data for condominiums is based on a survey of 64 associations.

The median price for both detached homes and condominiums represents closed escrow sales.

"Rising wages coupled with a tight labor market have helped create a tremendous demand for housing in California," said Leslie Appleton-Young, C.A.R.'s vice president and chief economist.

"In some areas of the state, an extremely low inventory of homes available for sale has created a slight decline in sales compared to a year ago, while prices have continued their upward trend."

In a separate report covering more localized statistics generated by C.A.R. and Transamerica Intelltech's MetroScan service, 314 of 365 California cities and communities showed an increase in their respective median home prices from a year ago.

Using the MetroScan database, median home prices are generated from new and existing condominium and single-family closed escrow sales.

These localized MetroScan statistics are based on county records data rather than MLS information.

Large changes in local median

home prices typically indicate both local home price appreciation, and often, large shifts in the composition of housing market activity.

Some of the variations in median home prices may be exaggerated due to compositional changes in housing demand.

Statewide, the 10 cities and communities with the highest median home prices in California during March 2000 were:

- Atherton, \$3,350,000
- Los Altos Hills, \$2,750,000
- Monte Sereno \$2,118,000

- Hillsborough, \$2,000,000
- Woodside, \$1,500,000
- Los Altos, \$1,400,000
- Saratoga, \$1,375,000
- Belvedere/Tiburon, \$1,050,000
- Palo Alto, \$851,000
- Menlo Park, \$826,000.

Statewide, the 10 cities and communities with the greatest median home price increases in March 2000 compared to the same period a year ago were: Atherton, Monte Sereno, Wasco, Los Altos Hills, Millbrae, Los Altos, Goleta, Saratoga, Aptos and Truckee.

Sacramento-based Transamerica Intelltech is a leading provider of information and software solutions for real estate industry professionals throughout the U.S. Its parent, Fortune 500 company Transamerica Corporation, is one of the world's largest financial services companies.

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## True Experiences



By Tarpo and Talbert

Number 324 in a series of true experiences in real estate

Dear buyers, here is something you can do for yourself. Teach yourself to see better. You can save money (it is possible to make money, too) if you can see in a house what others have missed.

Most buyers are looking for the perfect house; a house clean and shiny, stylish, pretty. Such houses usually sell immediately and for the highest price. Often these days, a number of buyers want to buy the same one.

Fewer than half of all the houses that are available for sale are the sterling ones. If you are waiting for one of those, you'll have to move fast and buy high.

If you're slow or cannot pay more, you'll be dealing with the other houses. Not every seller knows how to make his house look fine. Many people are not visual. They lack color and design sense. They don't have the time or ability to fix their houses, may not even see what could be done.

If you can see what the sellers did not, your choices will be ever so much broader. This can simply mean learning to look beyond all the things inside a house.

Think about the last time you saw a typical teenager's room instantly recognizable with posters on the walls, chinning bar in the doorway, stuff everywhere.

The room probably looks better than it did before the house was put on the market—the mother saw to that—but it is still such a jumble, there are so many things to catch your eye, that maybe you just turned away.

## Visual subtraction

You can teach yourself to look at that room in another way if you try. This is the art of visually subtracting.

Stand quietly and look. Imagine the room empty. Think about the light in the room. Pretend the windows are bare. What is the floor like? The walls and the window and door casings? What if this room were painted softest yellow?

You get the idea, but you'll need to practice. It's so easy to glide

# Take time to look; see what sellers can't

though houses—go right on through without thinking, be overcome by the contents, by unattractive details. What I'm urging you to do is to actively look, think, sort out. Here's another example. Have you gone to see houses that the agent described as "not a drive-by"? There is something about the outside of the house that turns people away.

For some reason the seller hasn't fixed it. He doesn't have the money or the time, he doesn't see it as a problem or—and this is a possibility—it can't easily be fixed. But it might be. You may be able to fix it. That's what I want you to consider.

If you find yourself peering through your car windshield at the outside of an open house, then driving quickly away, try this. Stop, get out of the car, go inside. Actively think about the spaces, condition, size and price. If all of these are OK (or close enough), go back outside and walk across the street. Look at the front of the house again. Ask yourself what is wrong. Think about what could make it better.

## Playing what if

Is the architecture really wonky? Does the whole facade need to be replaced with something else? Or are there possibilities here? Let your imagination go. What if there were a lovely tree in front, trailing vines on the porch? What if an arbor were added above the front door? Or a fence built near the sidewalk?

I've seen ugly little houses transformed with false fronts made of lattice, painted white. The result is clean, crisp lines with a forever-instyle feel. Would such a thing work on this house?

Sometimes houses have been mucked up by remodeling. Someone has installed a large aluminum slider window in a most prominent spot? Think. Windows can be replaced. That unattractive window in the living room can be wooden again, can be divided in any pattern, the parts can swing open.

You're going to need to get prices for your ideas. You may want design advice, too. These can be had. All I want to do is make you more aware, get you to think while you look instead of floating through houses waiting for the one that captures you entirely.

There are so many elements to consider when choosing a house to

buy. Your brain will be very busy considering them all. But if you will try to add the ability to see what can fairly easily be removed and what can be added, you will have a fantastic advantage over other buyers.

I do not want to talk you into taking on something major here. Few people should buy a house that is sliding down a hill, and maybe you do not want to do over a kitchen either. I am talking about houses that have been personalized by their owners—owners whose taste is not yours—owners who didn't rent a storage space for half their things, who maybe didn't paint or clean or mow. Some of these houses are really good houses.

## Imagine the possibilities

So prep yourself. Look at home magazines. Start thinking about the kinds of things that can be done to a house. Some are big and expensive, but many are not. You may not know, for instance, never having had occasion to learn this, that hardwood floor people can work miracles. It is perfectly possible and not terribly expensive to remove a stained section of wood flooring and replace it so it looks exactly as it should. Or, in fact, to add a wood floor where one does not now exist.

Even replacing that short bearing wall between the kitchen and breakfast room is not too bad. The contractor will put in a beam to support the weight. You will have to contend with patching the plaster and providing for flooring where the wall once stood, but these are not impossible.

When you do see those few "model homes," notice what makes them so appealing. What exactly has been done?

Chances are that much of what you are finding so pleasing is one or all of these: Clean, spare and white. Can you provide these in another house without going crazy or broke in the process? Is the other house located where you'd really like to be? Is it cheaper?

You can win big by seeing better.

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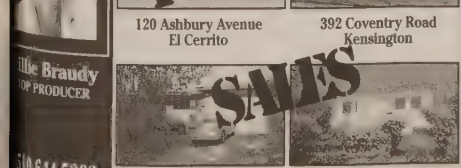
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# The ultimate spring makeover

## Beautify your home with a palette of annuals and perennials

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WILKESBORO, N.C. — Annuals and perennials are the gardener's palette to paint the landscape throughout the spring, summer and fall.

Whether you plant 10 or 100 flowers, you will enjoy the most effective flower display by following these basic tips from Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse.

### Starting your garden

Sketch out your garden plan on a piece of paper before you begin to plant.

This will help you visualize spacing and color combinations.

Be sure to check how much sun and shade your yard receives, so that you place the correct plants in the correct areas of the yard.

To prepare flowerbeds properly, you must purchase rich, organic material; break up hard-packed soil, and create sufficient drainage in your planting area. Lowe's suggests digging the soil to a depth of 12 to 18 inches, working in plenty of peat moss, leaf mold, or compost to ensure good drainage.

You can start your garden with transplants or seeds. Lowe's suggests the following tips:

- Select plants that bloom at different times of the season so you always have a variety of color.
- Follow the tall-to-small rule by planting larger, sturdier plants in the back, and smaller, more delicate plants in the front.
- Rather than plant a single row of color, mass your colors in broad sweeps. Repetition of these unify your garden; and
- Allow plenty of room for plants to grow to their mature size. Many perennials have an aggressive nature, requiring ample space

or even barriers to confine them.

A fence or shrub border provides a nice background for flowers. The combination of fences, trees, shrubs, groundcovers and flowers help define space, create outdoor rooms

ing as those among flowers — and they last longer. Foliage plants also add interesting texture, which is important in garden design.

Complementary colors (violet and yellow, blue and orange, red

**Annuals and perennials are the gardener's palette to paint the landscape throughout the spring, summer and fall.**

and beautify your landscape.

### Regular workouts

To improve growing conditions in poor soil, add slow-release fertilizer such as Sta-Green(R) Nursery Special Plant Food and several inches of compost.

Adding fertilizer and compost to any type of soil will help keep flowers healthy and vibrant. Developing eight inches of premium soil is ideal for helping annual and perennial root systems grow stronger.

During periods of drought, water your flowerbeds with an inch of water per week.

Perennials will remain in place for years, while annuals must be replaced every year. Therefore use perennials as the framework around which you plan the annuals.

Consider using foliage plants. Color contrasts among foliage are often as striking

as those among flowers — and they last longer.

Neutral or subdued hues planted between brilliant colors will prevent clashes and make the brighter colors more prominent.

Colors are either warm or cool, depending upon the hue. Reds and yellows are warm and can create a dramatic, bold sweep of color. Whites, blues and violets are cooler and create a more subdued design.

A color scheme that combines both warm and cool colors will create visual movement in the garden.

A colorful border can be used to edge one side of the lawn, helping to define the open lawn and give the garden a sense of enclosure.

A neutral background enhances the interplay of color in the garden and allows you to create your own personal design.



MORRIS & JAMES CAREY  
On the House

**I**F YOU'RE LUCKY enough to have an underground drainage system on your property, today's column may not be important to you. If someone went through all the trouble and cost of installing drain lines around your place, you probably don't have a water-ponding problem.

The rest of us aren't so lucky. We must rely on passively managed drainage. That's where the contour of the ground surrounding our home gradually slopes away from the house and toward the public storm drain system.

When it rains and when excessive irrigation occurs, water is supposed to travel along the surface to a safe place away from the house — without puddling or ponding. But it doesn't always happen that way. When surface water doesn't do what it's supposed to, you can expect problems.

House shifting? Got a leaky basement? Is ponding water in your yard a problem? Want to know an easy way to divert that bog-causing liquid and make it all go away? Without designing and building a full-blown underground drainage system?

All you have to do is create your own "dry well," sort of a mini storm-drain system. The toughest part of the job is digging, and the most expensive part is nothing more than a plastic trash can.

### Simple and clever

Installing a conventional underground drainage system can be difficult at best. It can involve burying hundreds of feet of pipe. And once a yard has been fully landscaped, the level of difficulty increases substantially. Patios, walks, decks, sheds and fences can be insurmountable obstacles.

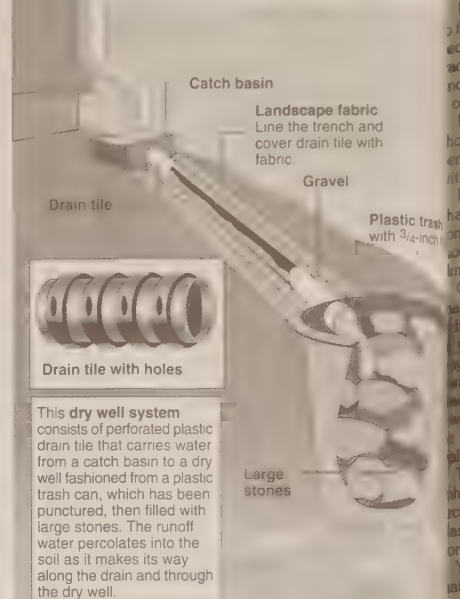
With a dry well, existing obstructions aren't so important. That's because there's usually only a very short distance between the location where the flooding is taking place and the point where the water will be discharged. Here's what it's all about.

A dry well is a simple and

## Creating drainage system may make sense for you

### Drain water away from house with a dry well

A dry well system typically consists of buried drain tile running from a catch basin to a collection container, allows water to disperse and be absorbed slowly into surrounding soil some distance away.



clever system used for draining excess water out of a low spot or from a water-laden area such as at the foot of a downspout.

A dry well is a surprisingly inexpensive system that consists of a buried drainpipe that runs from a small catch basin (where the water ponds) to a collection container (a plastic trash can in our example) somewhere away from the house.

And get this: The collection container never has to be emptied. That's because it gets filled with holes. Excess water drains into the

buried container and then through the holes, where it enters the surrounding soil.

Rocks are placed within the collection container and serve as a weight to prevent the

tainer from popping up out of the ground. Also, it prevents the tainer from being crushed by cave-ins here.

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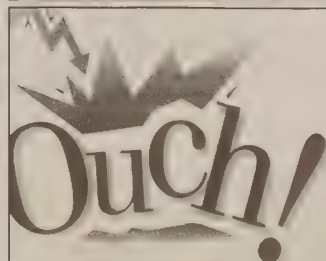
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# Fireplace choices are almost limitless

V. Menzie and Ron Nodine  
THE BALTIMORE SUN

Nothing like a few unseasonably wet, rainy nights to remind us that winter is hard on houses. Now that summer is around the corner, this may be the best time to get your heating system to see whether it is working properly. Don't wait until it gets cold again to find out there's something wrong, because by then all the heating components in the area will be swamped and you could be without heat for a couple of days. If you use a fossil fuel, you should have the chimney cleaned periodically. This is especially true with wood-burning fireplaces. Fireplaces and wood stoves have changed over the decades, becoming more energy-efficient and more versatile; now, the choices are almost limitless.

Gas fireplaces come in many shapes and sizes, and they are easy to install almost anywhere, as long as you have access to gas and a way to get the gas line to the location. The flue required by a gas fireplace is much smaller than that for a wood-burning one, and some can be vented horizontally through a wall. They also offer many features to enhance their function, such as heat exchangers to increase efficiency and glass doors to help prevent heat from escaping the room. You can get pilotless ignition (no matches required), a thermostat to control the temperature in the room and a remote control to regulate the heat.

Many people like the idea of a

gas fireplace because gas is clean and efficient, and there's no need to find wood, split wood, stack wood or clean up after burning wood. Gas fireplaces cost about \$1,000 to \$2,000, depending on the type of unit and difficulty of installation.

Wood-burning fireplaces are available in the prefabricated variety. They are constructed in a metal box with a fire brick liner inside. The box itself can be installed with a 1-inch clearance to combustible materials (such as wood framing).

The chimney is also made of metal. Most are made with three walls, one inside the other, with a 1-inch space between them.

The chimney requires only a 2-inch clearance to combustible materials. The low clearance requirements of this type of unit allow it to

be installed easily in most houses.

But unlike the gas flue, a wood-burning chimney must be vented a required distance above the roofline.

Often the biggest objection people have to this type of fireplace is the big pipe sticking out of the roof. Sometimes you have to run the chimney through a second-floor closet or out and up the exterior wall to clear the roof.

Whatever the fuel is, you can finish the inside of the fireplace in a number of ways. To use brick or stone, you would need to have a foundation to support the weight.

The lighter alternatives include ceramic tile, slate or marble as a surround and hearth. There are also manufactured products, such as cultured stone, that are much lighter than the real thing, though

they look quite realistic.

Prefab fireplaces are relatively inexpensive, about \$2,000 to \$4,000, depending on the type of unit, the cost of installation and the finishes.

Masonry fireplaces are a different animal, however.

They are usually too difficult to install in an existing house, but if you are building a new house, the only problems might be expense and placement.

In a house Ron is building for Charles and Kathleen Minicapelli, the couple wanted a real wood-burning fireplace in the family room, which is above a walk-out basement.

Please see FIREPLACE, Page 11

## Drainage

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### Dig in

The first step is to dig a trench from the area where the water is ponding to the location of the dry well.

The trench should be about 18 inches deep and just wide enough to hold your perforated drainpipe.

The trench should slope downward as it travels from the catch basin location to the dry well.

The slope should be about 1/4- to 1/2-inch per foot (more slope is better).

In any event, water poured into the trench should drain readily toward the dry well.

With the trench completed, it's time to bury the trash can.

Nothing special here; just dig. You can leave a portion of the can above grade or completely bury it, whichever you prefer.

However, before the can is placed in the hole, line both the trench and the hole with landscape fabric or burlap.

Be sure that the excess fabric laps over the edges of the trench.

The fabric prevents surrounding earth from getting into the system and clogging it up.

Place the can in the hole and fill it with larger rocks.

With the container now in place, you cover the fabric in the trench with a couple of inches of gravel or small drain rock.

Installing the drainpipe (perforations down) from the catch basin to

the dry well follows.

Cut a hole in the container just large enough for one end of the drainpipe to fit through.

The drainpipe should protrude into the container about 2 to 3 inches.

The drainage grate should be connected to the other end and back-filled.

Finally, cover the top of the drainpipe and the top of the container with the fabric and cover with dirt.

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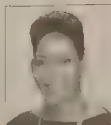
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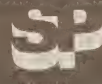
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For example, suburban sprawl not only takes valuable lands, but increases energy use in automobile miles traveled. Construction also consumes about half of all softwoods, primarily for framing in residential projects. At the same time, modern

houses are filled with a variety of toxic materials, including complex petrochemicals that are known or suspected carcinogens. The EPA considers the indoor environment many more times toxic than the outdoors. Finally, approximately 20-25 percent of our solid waste is construction debris, a major impact on our overburdened landfills.

Environmental Building News, a trade publication from Vermont, published an excellent list of considerations for establishing priorities.

1. **Reduce energy use in building operations and materials.** Energy used to heat, cool and operate buildings affects our local and global environment, and there is concern that our very existence may hinge on how carefully we manage energy usage. Design decisions will have a continuing impact for decades to come, while great cost savings can be achieved through careful design and integration of building systems. Embodied energy, the energy to cre-

ate materials, should also be considered when selecting products.

2. **Re-use and/or salvage as much of the existing building as possible.** The existing building embodies not only great material wealth, it also carries a whole cultural history. Materials in the building cannot easily be replaced, and there is great value in many of the elements of the original construction.

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**A:** Look for sources of public money. Local housing departments can tell you about special financing and funding available for qualifying low- and moderate-income housing. If your city has established a redevelopment area, contact the redevelopment agency and learn about its plan and programs. You need a boost from the government to overcome economic obstacles to building affordable housing.

—Jeffrey P. Widman, attorney

## MLS access

**Q:** Other than becoming a real estate agent or broker, is there a way I can access the multiple listing service for free or for a fee? Are county records available on the Web, especially owners-of-record?

**A:** Access to MLS in the Bay Area is limited to subscribing members. Some MLS services offer limited information on the Internet. R.E. InfoLink (www.mlslistings.com) covers large portions of the Bay Area, but each listing contains a fraction of the information available to subscribing members. County record Web sites are fee sites targeted to title companies and real estate agents.

—John Reyes, Re/Max Group South Bay

## Second-home status

**Q:** My husband and I own a

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**A:** The exclusion rules will allow you to keep your current house as a second or vacation home and still take the exclusion, provided you sell the property within three years of establishing a new primary residence. You would still meet the two-out-of-five-year ownership and two-out-of-five-year use tests if the property is sold before the end of the third year. It is not necessary to declare your current house as a second home. Maintain good records in the event you taxes are audited.

**A:** Also, as a vacation home, you will be able to deduct the

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—Leonard W. Williams, CPA, Sunnyvale

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question, you should reexamine the amount of insulation in your attic, says Grether.

■ Was your home built before 1980? In a recent survey, only 20 percent of homes built before 1980 were well insulated.

■ Do you pay excessive energy bills? You can reduce your heating and cooling needs by up to 30 percent by investing just a few hundred dollars in proper insulation and weatherization products, according to the DOE.

■ Are you uncomfortably cold in the winter or hot in the summer? Adding insulation creates a more uniform temperature and increases comfort.

### How much do I need?

Several factors, such as your climate, building design and the type and amount of existing insulation in place, will dictate how much insulation you will need to add to your attic.

Once you've determined the insulation type, the site can help you calculate how much you need to complete your project based on the area's dimensions. In seconds, you'll also know how many packages of insulation you need and the closest place to buy it.

A good insulating system combines the right products and instal-

lation procedures to provide optimum thermal performance, air infiltration protection and moisture control.

"Before you install the new insulation, you'll need to seal any air leaks near plumbing, air ducts and wiring with an expandable foam sealant," says Grether.

"Look for dirty spots in your existing insulation, which often indicates where air penetrates the living area."

Moisture build-up lessens the effectiveness of insulation and needs to be controlled.

Attic rafter vents assist in the constant flow of fresh air to a home's roof or ridge vents, creating a well-ventilated attic that helps reduce moisture build-up year-round.

"By making some minor improvements to your insulating system, you'll reduce your energy bills and improve the comfort of your home," says Grether, "but, more importantly, you'll help reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions and preserve the planet's natural resources for future generations."

For more energy-efficiency tips, homeowners can call the DOE at 800-DOE-3732 to order a free, 36-page "Energy Savers" booklet.

## Fireplace

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The foundation walls to support the fireplace would have to start in the basement anyway, so they wanted to know how much more it would cost to add a fireplace in the basement as well.

The cost of the basement fireplace is about \$6,000; to add the second one was only about \$700 more. To

Charles this was a no-brainer. Even though the basement wasn't going to be used as living space yet, it made sense to install the fireplace for the future.

Since one of the fireplaces would have to be offset to allow for the other one's chimney, the couple decided to have a log box built next to the firebox opening in the basement.

Upstairs in the family room, however, they wanted a different look. The room has a cathedral ceil-

ing and a large window on each side of the fireplace.

The couple decided the wall would be sheetrock, with a decorative surround and some kind of masonry hearth for the fireplace. But the manufacturer said it would cost about \$2,500. Instead, the Mini-capellis are looking at wood mantles and reconsidering the hearth and surround finishes to come up with something more reasonable in cost that will still give them the look they want.



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under market value."

"Two weeks ago, I visited a neighbor's home and noticed it was similar to ours. It was listed at only 1,248 square feet. I measured ours and it was the same. That's about 400 square feet less than the listing said. Do I have any recourse against the appraiser or the seller's agent?"

A: Assuming your measurements are accurate and you did not close the mortgage before escrow closed, you could have a claim against the seller and the seller's agent. Ask the appraiser if he/she made his/her own measurement or if he/she relied upon information provided by the seller or by you. The appraiser's report may contain some exclusions as to responsibility for certain information. Read the fine print in the re-

port before making a claim against the appraiser. See a competent real estate attorney about your next step.

— Jeffrey R. Widman, attorney

A: Sometimes, the garage space, easily 400 square feet, is included in the "living space" of a house. A house's value is based on many factors.

The square footage or size of the house is just one of the factors that may lead you to buy it. If the appraiser's report is reliable, you purchased a bargain. While you can take this issue to court, it could be a better use of your time and resources to count your blessings as a new owner, enjoy your new house (which has probably already appreciated) and learn to appreciate all the wonderful attributes of it rather than quibble over the loss of a small amount of estimated square footage.

— Grace Morioka, Commoncents Management

A: Square-footage court cases are common in California. Can you prove you have been damaged?

Apparently, the house fit your functional needs when you purchased it. Will this new information affect the value today or when you are ready to sell? Some real estate trade groups refuse to list the square footage of houses for just this reason. If your house really is 400 square feet short of the listed square footage, you may have a case. See a real estate attorney to know for sure.

— Pat Kapowich, Realty World-West Valley

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## Green

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yield solutions that use limited space more efficiently, reducing or even eliminating the need for off-site operations, maximizing the use of the existing building and reducing costs.

5. **Select materials with the least environmental impact.**

The conversion of raw resources

Choosing materials requiring the least maintenance will reduce the environmental and cost impacts of that process.

8. **Reduce water usage.**

As our population grows, water will continue to be a scarce resource, any steps that can be used to reduce water consumption should be explored.

Low flow fixtures, graywater systems, rainwater catchment systems for landscaping and decorative use, and perhaps most importantly land-

world; waste is the result of poorly used resources.

Minimizing waste reduces the environmental impacts of demolition and construction, and can actually save money in reduced disposal fees and in the sales of materials no longer needed.

Berkeley's Green Resource Center is sponsoring evening presentations on these topics. The first event with a special emphasis on energy and materials for residential remodels, and takes place from 6-9 p.m. on



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into building products entails numerous ecological impacts, including oversteering critical environments such as old-growth forests, pollutants created and emitted during extraction and processing, energy invested in production and transportation, and pollutants created from disposal.

6. **Protect and enhance the site.** Whether for the local riparian system, the topsoil, local features such as trees, or the pleasing aesthetics, the site should be treated as a resource worth protecting.

This benefits the broader community, and protects the birds, animals, and other natural systems that have come to rely on those features.

7. **Employ building components with the greatest longevity and durability.**

The environmental impact of a building or material is amortized by that material's life span.

scaping with drought tolerant plants, or xeriscaping, should be used.

9. **Create healthy indoor environments.**

Most people spend 90 percent or more of their time indoors, and yet many buildings contain known health hazards including molds, mildew, combustion gases, excessive dust, and organic chemical compounds found in modern building materials, furniture and equipment.

The existing building should be tested for indoor air quality, dust, lead, radon, and electromagnetic fields.

Providing adequate ventilation is critical to the health and well-being of all occupants, as is the elimination of excessive noise and glare. Materials should be carefully selected to minimize health hazards.

10. **Minimize construction and demolition waste through salvage and recycling.**

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Monday, May 22 at the Berkeley City Council Chambers, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.-second floor. The second event focuses on indoor air quality and other health aspects, and takes place on June 12. There is a fee of \$30 per workshop. For registration contact: the Green Resource Center, 510 845-0472, or email info@greenresourcecenter.org.

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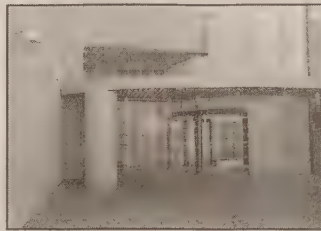
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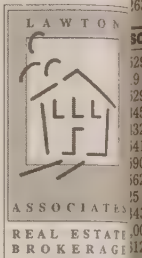


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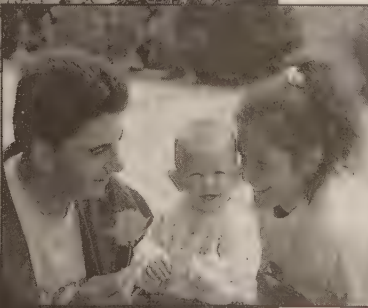
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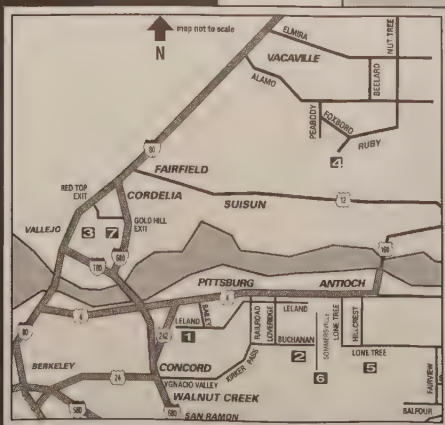
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# Simplification the newest design trend, say decorating experts

By Barbara Mayer  
AP Special Edition

It's all about balance. How else to explain that as life gets more complicated, decorating styles appear to be simplifying?

Four design authorities shared their views about what the future holds in home design. Three say we are headed for simpler, more comfortable decorating styles. The fourth says the rise of technology will lead to a more open and sensual approach to home design.

"The millennium is a big turning point, and when people reach turning points, they want to feel they have a new beginning," says Suzanne Slesin, design editor of House & Garden magazine. "One way we can have a new beginning is to pare down and go forward with only the things we really love. Instead of clutter, there will be much greater selectivity, and at the same

time an emphasis on livability.

A trend already in place that Slesin expects to continue is the strong emphasis on personal style. This leads to a wide range of popular looks rather than only one or two.

"One decorating trend we see at H&G is toward bold statements that make a strong point," Slesin says. As an example, the magazine recently featured the home of a couple who have furnished with famous icons of design, such as a chair by Charles and Ray Eames and a dining table by Donald Judd.

"These are not wishy-washy pieces, but strongly reflect their personal taste."

Those who are decorating without a designer's input will find inspiration in many places, including home furnishings stores, designer hotels, stylish clothing specialty stores and mail order catalogs.

"The general public already has

become more sophisticated about design and so is able to profit from the great array of visual opportunities," the editor says.

Activities and products that streamline and simplify life at home will become more important as the millennium dawns, predicts Clodagh, a New York-based designer of home decorating products and interiors who uses only her first name.

Putting in a home spa will be quite popular because people are being exposed to the pleasures of spas in health clubs and resorts. "Once you have enjoyed the peace and tranquility, and try to cram yourself into 5-by-7-foot bathroom, you will want a change," Clodagh says. "A home spa simplifies life by putting this desirable retreat in the home instead of requiring that people go somewhere else to relax.

"People will put their money into good storage systems rather than

unnecessary furnishings like elaborate window treatments," Clodagh predicts.

So far as Clodagh is concerned, the dining room is history. People cook and serve themselves, so the dining room, which requires serving assistance to function properly, will die out.

"What used to be called the family room will be the living room where you relax and dine.

Donna Warner, editor of Metro-

politan Home magazine, says that the most important trend of the early millennium has started already. "The word that comes to mind is simple," says Warner. "A sense of serenity is becoming far more important in home decorating. For example, we see more simple modern styles in houses submitted to the magazine's decorating contests."

It is easier to furnish in modern because European modern styles are

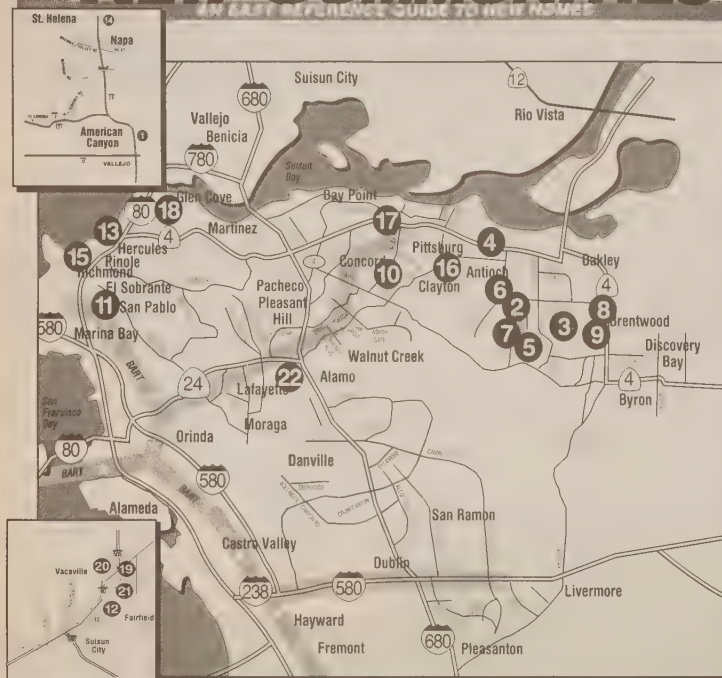
now more widely available in the United States. "Imported furniture is still expensive, more reasonable than it was," Warner says.

The editor predicts that stores around the country will follow the lead of New York's SoHo district, where those marketplace modern such as the Poltrona Frau have established

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**25 Eagle Ridge at Rossmoor** - by Shea Homes for Active Adults  
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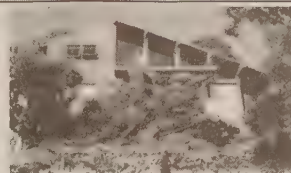
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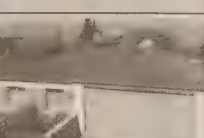
**1109 SPRUCE. Open Sunday 2-4:30**  
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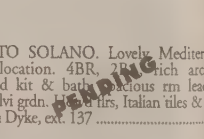
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# Installing drywall? Pay attention to each step

From Popular Mechanics  
AP SPECIAL FEATURES

Installing drywall, also called sheetrock, is not easy work. The material measures 4 X 8 feet, weighs about 40 pounds and can be very awkward to maneuver.

That's the bad news. The good news is that it's inexpensive and a first-rate interior surface when properly finished.

The product comes in a variety of thicknesses. In addition to the standard 5/8-inch-thick panels, you can usually find 1/2-inch-thick panels — in 2-foot increments up to 16 feet — on special order. The thickness ranges from 1/2-inch to 5/8-inch, with 3/4-inch being the most common.

For the ceiling that means marking the side of the top plates just under the ceiling joists. And for the walls, it means marking the floor under each stud, and marking the ceiling panels, once they're in place, to show where the top of the studs fall.

Plan to install all the panels perpendicular — not parallel — to the direction of the framing members. This is the most common because it allows you to use the same framing members on 16-inch centers. But if you plan to apply texturing to your walls, three-eighths is not viable. You need to install a firewall between your garage and living room, for example, or around your heating system — many require five-eighths for these

a depression is created to accommodate the compound that's needed to finish the joints later.

Because the board ends don't have tapers, finishing these butt joints is harder — and usually more noticeable.

So, it's best to reduce the number of butt joints to a minimum. Working with longer panels will accomplish this. But of course, they're much heavier and much more unwieldy.

Probably the best approach for the nonprofessional is to use the standard panels and simply avoid butt joints whenever possible.

Here are some considerations before beginning the job. Mark the location of all framing members on their adjacent surfaces.

For the ceiling that means marking the side of the top plates just under the ceiling joists.

And for the walls, it means marking the floor under each stud, and marking the ceiling panels, once they're in place, to show where the top of the studs fall.

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## Decorating

FROM PAGE B14

technology at work and home is forcing the need for a change of pace in home decorating. The chief curator of the American Craft Museum in New York predicts that the world of the senses — vision, taste, smell, touch, and hearing — will become more important in decor.

There will be a renaissance of tactile interior furnishings, including rich fabrics, wood, and other highly touchable materials, according to McFadden.

"The use of color will become more important because of what color can do emotionally and spiritually. And if there is one item of home furnishings that is going to be

and start with the ceiling, not the walls.

You can use 1-and-one-quarter-inch drywall screws to attach your half-inch-panels. But 1-and-one-quarter-inch drywall nails are a suitable alternative. We prefer screws over nails because they hold better and are only marginally harder to install, especially if you are doing only one room.

If you have a variable speed drill, that's all you need to drive the screws.

But if you have a lot of work to do, renting or buying a drywall screw gun is a better idea.

These tools have adjustable nosepieces that regulate the depth that the screw can be driven.

When set properly the gun should drive a screw just below the panel surface.

The screw should compress, but not tear, the paper.

Nails should be driven to the same depth.

While using a screw gun is a nice convenience, renting a drywall lift — about \$25 a day — is almost a necessity.

You can lift up the panels by hand, but you'll need help and the

job is far from fun.

more important than all the others, it will be lighting.

Light has the quality of being both technically based and sensually perceived and it provides the most direct emotional experience we have in our homes.

McFadden expects to see "an outpouring of creativity in the arts of the home" with more cross fertilization in art and home design because "the same person may be a designer, artist and craftsman, all in one."

Young designers coming out of school today don't limit themselves, but often are equally at home as artists, designers and craftsmen.

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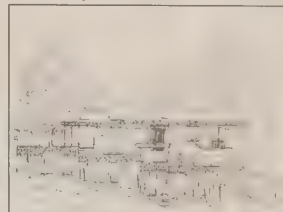
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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
25748 945 Hillside Prudential CA Realty, 510-287-5837	2 + 1bd/1Ba	2-4-30	\$375,000
609 Evelyn 284/1Ba RED OAK, (510) 280-2125 Kathy	2-4	2-4	\$345,000

## ANTIOCH

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
1737 Bancroft Way 4bd/2Ba John Aiken, Berkeley Hills Realty (510) 527-2700 J35, Marvin Gardens R.E.	2-4	2-4	\$395,000
2810 Bellflower Dr. 384/2.5Ba Virginia Ambrosini, Kane & Associates, 510-523-5664	1-4	2-4	\$248,000

## BERKELEY

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
1460 Grizzly Peak Blvd. 384/2Ba Jean Aiken, Berkeley Hills Realty (510) 524-8889 x16	2-4	2-4	\$865,000
1460 Grizzly Peak Blvd. 384/2Ba Selma Klett, Thornhill Properties (510) 848-1950 x223	2-4	2-4	\$865,000
523 Spruce 384/2Ba RED OAK, (510) 280-2109	2-4	2-4	\$850,000
834 Mendocino 480/3Ba RED OAK, (510) 280-2138	2-4	2-4	\$829,000
2436 10th St. 4bd/2Ba Law Lovell 510-547-5970 Lawton Assoc.	1-5	1-5	\$689,000

## BERKELEY

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
890 Cragmont Ave. 384/2Ba Rosa Marie Bero (510) 530-7390 RE/MAX East Bay Hills	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$599,000
4039 Lincoln St. 4bd/2Ba 4039-41 Four-Place in Gourmet Ghetto, Cheyenne/Warren Berkeley Hills Realty (510) 524-8889 x14 & x22	2-4	2-4	\$585,000
638 Colusa 380/1Ba RED OAK, (510) 280-2109 JJ Ratcliffe	2-4	2-4	\$495,000
1010 Grayson St. 884/2.5Ba The Ultimate LIVE/WORK Property, Mammoth Mktart Coldwell Banker-Berkeley (510) 981-3000	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$450,000
1311 Carleton Ave. 384/2Ba (510) 845-0200 Prudential	2-4	2-4	\$449,000
2211 Bonar 4bd/2Ba 2311-13 Adorable Cottage-Like Duplex, 4 - 80 & 280 Warren Lst. Berkeley Hills (510) 524-8889 x14	2-4	2-4	\$425,000
1601 Beverly Pl. 2 + 1bd/2Ba Terese Anderson, Berkeley Hills Realty (510) 524-8889 x11	2-4	2-4	\$400,000
1332 Curtis Street 3bd/1Ba John Kamey, 510-339-0400, The GRUBB Co	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$399,000
1462 Sunnyside 384/1Ba Kathryn Hill, Thornhill Properties (510) 848-1950 x242	2-4	2-4	\$399,000
1019 Keith Ave. 2 + 1bd/2Ba Tommie Jue 510-524-2525 Prudential California Rty	2-4	2-4	\$399,000
1634-38 Harmon St. 284/1Ba 2 Homes Joan Simmons, 510-834-2010, Prudential CA Realty	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$325,000
2137 Sacramento 284/1Ba RED OAK, (510) 280-2170 Warwick	1-5	1-5	\$299,500
1830 Carleton St. 284/1Ba RED OAK, (510) 280-2139 Diane	2-4	2-4	\$242,000
1400 Hearst Ave. 284/2Ba Devany Curry, (510) 845-0200 Prudential	2-6	2-6	\$-

## CASTRO VALLEY

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
2547 La Don Court 2 + 1bd/2Ba David Otter, 510-339-9290, Prudential CA Realty	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$299,000

## EL CERRITO

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
1439 Rife Range 4 + 1bd/2Ba RED OAK, (510) 280-2103	2-4	2-4	\$799,000
1467 Rife Range Rd. 484/3Ba Doris Alexander (510) 559-2938, Marvin Gardens R.E.	130-430	2-4	\$635,000
131 Ramona Ave. 5 + 1bd/3Ba Aneel Tarpooff, Tarpooff & Talbert, 510-833-2050	2-4	2-4	\$475,000
601 Clayton 4bd/2Ba Gert Stem, Security Pacific R.E. (510) 662-8469	2-4	2-4	\$475,000
15 Pomona 284/1Ba RED OAK, Sara, (510) 280-2105	2-4	2-4	\$369,000
723 Richmond St. 3 Bd/1 Ba RED OAK, (510) 280-2132 Bob	2-4	2-4	\$359,000
614 Hagen 3 + 1bd/2Ba Richard Morrison (510) 527-2700 x32, Marvin Gardens R.E.	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$339,000

## HAYWARD

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
26735 Call Ave. 3 Bd/3 Ba Raymond Hill, Jey Elbert 510-886-7511 Prudential California Realty	1-4	1-4	\$590,000

## HERCULES

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
133 Locust Ct. 484/3Ba Take Sycamore/Lupine Rd./Beachmont/Ignacia Morales, Realty World-East Bay (510) 261-3100.	2-4	2-4	\$-

## KENSINGTON

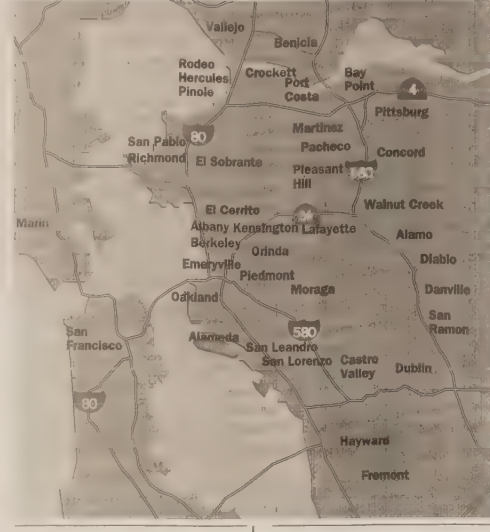
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
81 Arlington Ct. 384/1Ba Kevin Yamahiri (510) 522-8870 x217 Security Pacific R.E.	2-4	2-4	\$329,000

## KNIGHTSEN

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
652 Coventry Rd. 4bd/3Ba Doreen Castella 510-339-6460 510-339-6460	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$1,250,000

## OAKLAND

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
630 Gravit 484/2Ba Oakland Hills Dee Knowland 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$1,595,000
7133 Norfolk Dr. 4bd/4Ba Oakland Hills Dee Knowland 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$1,495,000
4929 Proctor Avenue 4bd/4Ba Debra J. Dryden, 510-339-0400, The GRUBB Co.	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$1,368,000



## OAKLAND

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
13208 Campus 5bd/5.5Ba Dorland Hills Becky Anderson, Coldwell Banker, 510-339-4700	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$1,250,000
7172 Norfolk Rd. 4bd/2.5Ba Dorland Hills Bill Ross, 510-339-9290, Prudential CA Realty	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$1,195,000
5220 Old Redwood Rd. 5bd/5.5Ba Sherry Benninger, 510-339-0400, The GRUBB Co.	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$1,125,000
104 Capricorn Dr. 3bd/2.5Ba Monclair Francis Heath 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$849,000
2643 Magellan Dr. 4bd/2Ba Kate Castle, La Salle Properties 510-339-8900	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$825,000
146 Vicente Rd. 4bd/2Ba Claremont Peter Nickopoulos, Wells & Bennett, 510-339-6460	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$749,000
6752 Sobrante Rd. 3 + 1bd/2.5Ba Karen Lum 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	2-5	2-5	\$749,000
6591 Shepherd Canyon 4 + 1bd/3Ba MONTCLAIR, Jennie Upchurch Monclair Better Homes, (510) 655-7137	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$749,000
2235 Melvin Rd. 5bd/4Ba Patricia Beantell Monclair Better Homes, (510) 482-9000	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$699,000
6037 Ridgeman 4bd/3Ba Ridgeman Phyllis Wherry, Coldwell Banker, 510-339-4700	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$699,000
6481 Farallon Way 4bd/2Ba Monclair Georgia Richardson, 510-569-3499, Richardson R.E. Svcs	230-430	2-4-30	\$695,000
13225 Skyline Blvd. 384/2Ba Carmen 510-524-2525 Prudential California Realty	2-4	2-4	\$695,000
5920 Belmont Dr. 384/2.5Ba HILLCREST HIGHLANDS, Stone Place 800-354-0753 C-21 Seville Contempo	1-5	1-5	\$649,000
3981 Upper Fruitvale 5 + 1bd/2Ba 1/2 ACRE SECLUSION, Arnold M. Phyllis Wherry, Coldwell Banker, (510) 530-6099	2-5	2-5	\$647,000
15 Humphrey Place 2 + 1bd/1Ba Karen Starr, 510-339-0400, The GRUBB Co.	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$639,000
6335 Ascot Drive 4 + 1bd/2Ba Linda McClain, 510-339-0400, The GRUBB Co.	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$630,000
708 Longridge Road 3bd/2.5Ba James Garcia, 510-339-0400, The GRUBB Co.	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$625,000
4126 Oakmore 3bd/2.5Ba Oakmore Dick Cohen 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$599,000
5707 Oakgrove Ave 3bd/2Ba Rackbridge Ron Kries 510-547-5870 Lawton Assoc.	1-5	1-5	\$595,000
7131 Snake Rd. 4bd/2Ba MONTCLAIR, Heidi Nassel Monclair Better Homes, (510) 287-5770	10-1	10-1	\$595,000
180 Ratto Rd. 3bd/2.5Ba Donn Gutierrez, Agent (510) 814-4854	2-5	2-5	\$585,000
10421 Royal Oak Rd. 4bd/4Ba Kallista Sienko, 510-834-2010, Prudential CA	1-5	1-5	\$575,000
4140 39th Ave. 4 + 1bd/4Ba Oakland Hills Kader Dahani 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	2-5	2-5	\$575,000

## OAKLAND

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
6459 Melville 4bd/2Ba Williams Harbor Bay Realty 510/814-4861	2-4	2-4	\$550,000
6459 Melville 4bd/2Ba OPEN SAT. & SUNDAY 2-4. Williams, Agent (510) 814-4831	2-4	2-4	\$550,000
1015 Rose Ave. 2bd/1Ba Piedmont Ave. Duplex Carolyn Jones 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$549,000
6377 Bristol Dr. 3bd/2Ba OAKLAND HILLS, Gregory Leon Leon & Company, (415) 771-2500	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$548,888
4248 Balfour Avenue 3 + 1bd/2Ba Nancy Leibkind, 510-339-0400, The GRUBB Co.	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$540,000
1817 Carter St. 4bd/2.5Ba Upper Colinas Teri Carls, 510-339-6460, Pacific Union	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$539,000
19007 Broadway Terrace 3bd/2Ba Terrace Roselle Woods, 510-339-6460, Pacific Union	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$524,500
1701 Marzanita Dr. 3 + 1bd/2.5Ba Sofia Smith, 825-253-6225, Pacific Union	2-4	2-4	\$499,000
4682 Redwood Road 3bd/2.5Ba Angela Wei Grub, 510-339-0400, The GRUBB Co.	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$499,000
1856 Clemens Rd. 3bd/1.5Ba Helen Michalos, La Salle Properties 510-339-8900	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$499,000
1314 Hangel 4bd/2Ba Glenview Nancy or Chris, Wells & Bennett, 510-339-7000	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$495,000
38 Seelick St. 4bd/2Ba Redwood Heights Diane McKee, 510-339-6460, Pacific Union	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$495,000
4300 St. Andrews Rd. 3bd/2Ba Oakland Hills Thomas Ward, 510-339-6460, Pacific Union	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$479,000
108 Norwich Rd. 3bd/2Ba Ringo Liu, Agent (510) 814-4848	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$459,000
6371 Doran Dr. 3 + 1bd/2.5Ba Open Sunday Only Homes-Link, 510-748-5320	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$459,000
386 49th St. 2 + 1bd/1Ba Temesal Stan Hammond, Wells & Bennett, 510-531-7000	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$459,000
6030 Cotton 3 + 1bd/2Ba Monclair Del Orr 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$459,000
124 Wilding 4 + 1bd/2Ba Judith Gans/Shelia Salame 510-362-5055 Prudential Call Rly	2-4	2-4	\$459,000
847 Santa Ray Ave. 384/1Ba Crocker Highland Open Sunday Only Rylee Hyslop, Monclair Better Homes 510-339-8400	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$449,000
13200 Claire Pointe Way 4bd/2Ba Partridge Estate Adriana Giacomelli, Agent (510) 339-6460	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$449,000
1130 Wellington 2bd/1Ba Glenview Helen Danahel, Agent (510) 339-6460	2-4-30	2-4-30	\$449,000
67 Vista Rd. 3bd/2Ba Janice P., Agent (510) 814-4848	2-4	2-4	\$439,000

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6230 Rutland Monclair Ruby Ng 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	2 + 1bd/1Ba	2-5	\$439,000
4180 Randolph Ave. Glenview Dai Fitzgerald, Agent (510) 339-6460	4bd/2Ba	2-4-30	\$438,000
6533 Longwalk Monclair Emily Lang, 510-339-9290, Prudential CA Realty	2bd/2Ba	2-4-30	\$438,000
6774 Sarotti Drive Kurt Buchholz, 510-339-0400, The GRUBB Co.	3bd/2Ba	2-4-30	\$429,000
3318 Wisconsin St. HE Kane & Assoc. (510) 534-6330	4bd/1.5Ba	1-4	\$420,000
2945 Brookdale Fiducia Hilda Novato, Wells & Bennett, 510-531-6533	2bd/2Ba	2-4-30	\$410,000
4448 Mountain View Rose Bennett Boulevard Equity Group, (510) 444-7469	3bd/2Ba	2-4	\$399,950
5800 Pinewood RED OAK, Saraya, (510) 280-2162	384/2Ba	2-4	\$399,000
309 4th St. #113 Mary Smartt (510) 547-5970 Lawton & Assoc.	2bd/1Ba	1-5	\$399,000
30 Chimney Rock Sequoyah Heights Barbara Reeder, Wells & Bennett, 510-531-7000	2bd/2.5Ba	2-4-30	\$393,000
166 Capricorn Ave. Luis Johnson, La Salle Properties 510-339-8900	3bd/2Ba	2-4-30	\$389,000
43 Turtle Creek Sequoyah Heights Juan Mota, Coldwell Banker, 510-339-4700	3bd/2.5Ba	2-4-30	\$380,000
4328 La Cresta Avenue Carla Carro, 510-339-0400, The GRUBB Co.	2bd/1Ba	2-4-30	\$375,000
3809 Ardley Ave. Shirley V. Independent Bkrs. (510) 861-1433	2bd/1Ba	1-15-5	\$349,000
143 Beaufort Drive Victor Rankin, 510-339-0400, The GRUBB Co.	2bd/1Ba	2-4-30	\$349,000
4201 Maple Lincoln Heights Rachel Baller 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	2bd/1Ba	2-4-30	\$349,000
5824 Telegraph Owen Sanday Only Toni Niemela, La Salle Properties, (510) 339-8900	1bd/4Ba	2-4-30	\$349,000
2464 Aldia Lincoln Heights Rachel Baller 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	3bd/2Ba	2-4-30	\$349,000
6525 Buenaventura Victor Rankin 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	384/2.5Ba	2-4-30	\$348,000
3033 Carlsen St. Blaine McCann, Agent (510) 339-6460	2bd/2Ba	2-4-30	\$329,500
3001 Jordan Rd. Redwood Heights Blaine Earl McCann, Agent (510) 339-6460	2bd/2Ba	2-4-30	\$323,500
446 96th St. Wendy K. (510) 845-0200 Prudential	3bd/2Ba	2-5	\$328,000
3814-3816 Canon Ave. Evelyn Walker, Coldwell Banker, 510-339-4700	2 Units	2-5pm	\$325,000
447 65th St. Carolyn Jones 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	3bd/2Ba	2-4-30	\$323,000
4021 Maple Ave. Laurel Howell 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	2 + 1bd/1Ba	2-4-30	\$295,000
7111 Sunist Dr. Hillmont Owen Sanday Only Joy Edmonson, Monclair Better Homes, 510-287-9562	3bd/2Ba	2-4-30	\$289,500
3300 Wisconsin Ave. REDWOOD HEIGHTS. MHB Monclair Better Homes, (510) 339-8400	3bd/1Ba	2-4-30	\$289,000
4117 Seacor Ct. Lue Jacobson 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	3bd/2Ba	2-4-30	\$289,000
3815 Laurel Ave. Lauri Michelle Vasey 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	2bd/1Ba	2-4-30	\$279,000
3907 Laguna Ave. Vince Moran 510-339-9290 Prudential California Realty	284/1Ba	2-4-30	\$275,000 Laural
747 Wesley Way #3-A Owen Sanday Only TIM ERWIN, La Salle Properties 510-339-8900	1bd/1Ba	2-4-30	\$250,000
4815 Alondale Maxwell Park Fiducia Owens, 510-339-9290, Prudential CA Realty	2bd/1Ba	2-4-30	\$238,000
8057 Earl St. KING ESTATES, Joe Astorian Monclair Better Homes, (510) 869-4755	2 + 1bd/1Ba	2-5	\$225,000
3685 Maybelle Ave. Owen Sanday Only Homes-Land, 510-748-5300	2bd/2Ba	2-4-30	\$219,000



**Alameda**

**GARAGE SALE**  
2722 WASHINGTON ST.  
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SAT. 9-3.  
Toys, clothes, furniture, more.

**GIANT FURNITURE SALE**  
2414 Encinal Ave., N. High  
Clothing! Furniture! Toys!  
Sofas, beds, tables, refresh-  
ments. No Early birds.

**GROWING OUT SALE**  
Toys, games, books, boy's & girl's clothes & shoes.  
Saturday 5/20  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
155 Mt. Diablo Drive  
(Cross Street - McCarty)

**HUGE MOVING SALE**  
Almost new W/D, refrig., sofa,  
decorative items & sports  
equipment for great savings.  
Sat. & Sun. 5/20-5/21  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
3020 Cerro Vista

**LARGE SALE**  
65 MANTLE DRIVE  
SAT. SUN. 9-4.  
Men's, Women's, Ladies' Treas-  
ures, Entertainment Center  
Lots of miscellaneous.

**LIBRARY 2000**  
FURNITURE SALE  
1421 SAN ANTONIO  
(Gold Coast)  
Marine TV, Electric Typewriter,  
table, chairs, lamps, books,  
more! No Early Birds.

**LYNN'S OF ALAMEDA**  
Toys, Furniture, Clearance  
Small Estates Moved to  
Lynn's  
Consignments Close Out  
2807 Encinal Ave.  
Fri Starts at Noon  
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Household items to Antiques  
Lots of Collectibles

Collection of 10 Mountain  
Pines, Granite Vase, Etc.  
Bauhaus Duncan Phyfe Furni-  
ture, 18th Century Clocks,  
Trunks, Lamp, Picture  
frames, Kitchen Items, Toys  
sets, dining room sets,  
mirrors, dressers, fixtures,  
chairs, Books, Paper Dolls,  
Toys, Antiques, NEW (mint in  
Boxed), Pedal Cars, Tonka  
Toys, Set(s) of China, collec-  
tion of 1000's of Brac-  
e-Arco and Glassware, more.  
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**MULTI FAMILY  
GARAGE SALE**  
1517 & 1514 PACIFIC AVE.  
Toys, clothes, furniture, more.  
NO EARLY BIRDS

**MULTI FAMILY SALE**  
FRI SAT. 10 AM  
sofas, lots of baby stuff  
new baby crib, C.P. (1000's)  
misc. hndls., princess house.

**8th & EAGLE ST.**

**Rummage & Bake  
SALE**  
Sat. May 20th, 8AM-3PM  
Children's Learning Center  
2152 Central Ave., Alameda  
Books, toys & kid's clothes,  
plants, collectibles, outdoor  
gear, lawn/mower, clothes, etc.  
Cakes, pie, refreshments.  
Face painting & Fun for kids.

Sat. May 20, 9-1  
540 Santa Clara Ave.  
Cardiolog, clothing, hard-  
ware, lawn/mower, many other  
items.

**SAT. MAY 20TH 9-2**  
1131 BISMARCK AVE  
Apparel, sofas, furn., trunk,  
household & misc. items.

SAT. MAY 20TH 9-2  
1827 Elm St.  
Antiques, crystal lamp, mirrors,  
pictures, (furn. glass, china,  
furniture, music boxes, etc.)  
Men's, designer clothing,  
shoes, boots, baseball cards.

**SATURDAY 8-2**  
923 TAYLOR AVE  
Bedroom furniture; clothes;  
bathroom vanity; bikes;  
misc. items.

**SUNDAY 5/21 8-4**  
1137 POST ST  
HUGE YARD SALE  
Lots of variety

**YARD SALE**  
5/20/2001, 10-5, 1822 Mulberry  
St. Off. of Buena Vista, San  
Jose, Calif. West. Collectibles  
No early birds.

**Alameda**

**YARD SALE**  
SAT. ONLY 8-1  
Baby and Toddler Stuff  
Home and Yard Items  
Great STUFF  
FREE PRICE  
2928 WINDSOR DRIVE.

**Alameda**  
977 DANVILLE BLVD. Fr./Sat.  
9-1 PM. Furniture, toys,  
clothing, spinning wh., trunks,  
proj., tools, radio, recorders,  
prov. sofa, glass deco, bed,  
shoes, clothes, toys, books,  
compressor, truck box, pellet  
woodstove, lots of workshop  
stuff & more! No Early Birds.

**GARAGE SALE**  
SAT. ONLY 9-5 PM  
1025 Old Ways  
Help raise funds for Commu-  
nity Center of the East Bay  
www.cseeb.org

**HUGE YARD SALE**  
SAT.-SUN. MAY 20-21, 9-4  
Appliances, furniture, dishes,  
bikes, clothing, books, kids' set,  
clothes, etc. Great deals -  
must see everything!  
1523 BURNING WOOD AVE.  
(btwn. Monterey & Ventura)

**Antioch**  
3626 FREEDOM WAY  
(Off Contra Loma Blvd.)  
SAT. MAY 20TH 9-1 30-3  
Furniture, free-standing table,  
accident, ping-pong table,  
bookcases, books & misc. items

**Friday & Saturday 9-2**  
kids' bedroom set, boy's  
clothes, shoes, 8-12, ladies  
clothes & misc.

**223 TEXAS ST.**

**FRI, SAT. & SUN. 9-4**  
921 SAN CARLOS DR.  
Furn., clothing, misc.  
household items, books  
& MORE.

**GARAGE SALE**  
1301 Lotus Dr.  
Sat. Only 5/20, 9-7  
Antiques, French Armchairs,  
dinner set, Cheryl Down Sofa,  
glassware, art, lots of  
misc. gold mirrors.

**Albany**  
14th Family Yard Sale  
Girls Soccer Fundraiser  
SAT. 5/20, 9-3  
912 Santa Fe Ave.  
Furn., books, kids toys, sports  
equip., hand. items & more!

**6 - 4 GARAGE SALE**  
ON 1 BLOCK!  
Come to the 600 block  
of Everett in Albany.  
Sat. 9-2 p.m.  
Toys, clothes, books, furn.,  
household items and more.

**School Fundraiser**  
SAT. ONLY 9-5 PM  
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Furn., clothing, misc.  
household items, books  
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**Antioch**  
1723 Mt. Saliman Way  
Fr. & Sat. 1/30 9-3 PM  
TV, computer, golf balls,  
toys, clothing, shoes, etc.  
Too much to list please to sell.  
Lorettes Wyllback Diamond

**GARAGE SALE**  
Sat. 5/20, 8-3 PM  
2385 Whittaker Cr.  
Kitchen, hndls., entertainment  
stand, dresser, clothes,  
furniture, sports equip., lamps,  
household appliances,  
various furnishings, toys,  
books

**GARAGE SALE**  
2034 Sugar Pine St.  
Sat. 5/20, 9-2 PM  
Off Almond Ridge  
Book and clothing, furniture,  
baby items, toys, clothing,  
& much more.

**GARAGE SALE**  
542 Watson Cr.  
Sat. Only 5/20, 9-11 AM  
Srn. refrig., sewing machine,  
chest of drawers, kids items,  
bikes, clothing, books, kids' set,  
chairs, Pokemon cards

**GARAGE SALE**  
111 West 7th St.  
Fr. Only 9-7 PM  
Toys, Tools, Tools,  
And Lots More.

**Giant Parking Lot Sale**  
Call: Eye Clinic Parking Lot  
3477 Sunset Ln.  
8am-1pm Sun. May 21  
Clothing, toys, furniture  
& more.

**HUGE BLOCK SALE**  
Sat. May 20th 8:00-12:00  
Fairside Way & Courts  
Clothing, shoes, toys, furniture  
Treats to Vista Grande (Fairside  
off Vista Grande). Clothing,  
furniture, dishes, toys, auto  
products, lots of goodies!!!

**HUGE MOVING SALE**  
SATURDAY 8-2  
Clothes: oven hood; house-  
hold items; related to house  
to Canada Hills to Stallion to  
clothing & more.

**4546 Wagonwheel**  
SATURDAY 9-3 PM  
1145 Rockspring Way  
Furn. & home decor. rugs,  
dresses, child's foot bed  
mattress, 1950's Ford, 1970's  
size bil. metal canopy bed-  
\$50. kit, pot. & buffet - \$350  
\$22-1145

**MULTI-FAMILY SALE**  
FRIDAY ONLY 8-3  
Lots of items.

**2 North Lake Circle**

**Antioch**  
2718 LARKSPUR DR.  
Off Hillcrest By The Fry  
SAT. ONLY 8-2  
Miscellaneous, household,  
computer, pet items,  
lots of misc

**3116 Longview Rd.**  
SAT. SUN. 8-3  
Misc. work out equip., cloth-  
ing, sports equip., lamps,  
various furnishings, toys,  
books

**MOVING SALE**  
1516 CORONADO CT.  
(OFF N. FRANCISCO)  
SATURDAY ONLY 9-1  
No Early Birds

**5100 Brockrest Way**  
(Off Country Hills)  
SAT. ONLY 9-2  
Miscellaneous Goodies

**NON PROFIT  
SUPPORT GROUP**  
May 19th & 20th  
8AM-3PM  
2377 STRAWBERRY CT.  
For information call Francis,  
510-777-9109

**SATURDAY ONLY 7-7**  
2416 Asclamar Dr.  
(Off Valley)  
Men, Women's & children's  
clothing, sporting goods,  
household items, toys, etc.

**SATURDAY ONLY 8-3**  
Baby items: clothes, walker,  
swing, changing tbl., toys,  
recorders, shoes, toys, love-  
seat, dishes & bedding.

**3024 Barmouth Dr.**  
(Off Davidson)  
SATURDAY 8-2 PM  
2409 D St.  
(Corner of Davidson & D St.)  
Dishwashers, blinds, Disney  
toys, clothing, shoes, baby  
stuff, twin girl clothes (tod-  
dler size) & lots of other  
clothing & more.

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**ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE**  
Sale, Including Arts & Crafts,  
Art, Novelties, Penlun rugs,  
Victorian dolls, artwork, Lots  
of furniture, Saturday May 20  
from 9 am to 4 pm, 2847  
Garber Street, Berkeley,  
Standing Room Only

**Berkeley**  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
ONLY 8 A.M.  
No early birds, please.  
149 East Madril St.  
Miscellaneous, household,  
computer, pet items,  
lots of misc

**SUNDAY 5/21 8AM-2PM**  
508 SPAATZ CT.  
Dresses, shoes, Buroed to  
Spaatz, 1ST. EVER SALE!



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## Concord

### BACKYARD SALE

May 20 9-3  
2038 Beach St.  
Everything From A to Z

**BIG MOVING SALE**  
EVERYTHING MUST GO  
Furn. kit, appls., bread  
maker, Tupperware, Bed  
Baby collection, electronics,  
CD, changer, VCR, clothes,  
toys, computer parts, etc.  
Sat. Sun. 9-5 2265-4545  
1150 St. Matthews Pl. #103

### DANA FARMS

Sat., May 20, All Day!  
Massive 20-Home  
Neighborhood Extravaganza  
Located off Pine Hollow Rd  
between El Camino & Mitchell  
Canyon Rd.  
Computer, equip., sporting  
furn., toys, clothing  
misc. automotive & every-  
thing else you can imagine  
will be priced for quick  
sale. Call 322-6332 or 615-  
1111 & Bill See 622-6393

### FRIDAY/SATURDAY 8-4

3101 MT DIABLO ST.  
Antique oak & Bentwood  
chairs, old light fixtures, misc.

### FRI-SAT 5/19-20, 10-5

3090 SANTA PAULA  
Antiques, furniture, books,  
clothes, toys, kitchen items,  
too much to list.  
No Early Birds

### GARAGE SALE

2899 Prospect St.  
Sat. 5/20, 9-3 PM  
Furniture, clothing, toys, &  
miscellaneous must have

### GARAGE SALE

Sat. 5/20, 9-3 PM  
5310 Phase 100 Way  
Walnut dining table & 6  
chairs, 8-piece dining set,  
luggage set, area rug, T.V.,  
bedroom furniture, speakers,  
mirrors & misc.

### GAHAG SALE

Sat. Sun. 9-4  
2706 CLYMER CT.  
Large & small items, like new  
box springs/mattresses,  
clothes, records, much more!

### 3580 HALIFAX WAY

(off Greenbrae)  
Sat. May 20, 9-3  
No Early Birds  
Sports items, household  
items, & misc. items

### 4 Home Garage Sale

1901 Camino Estrada  
Sat. Sun. 5/20-21 8-5  
Antiques, church pews, tools,  
household items, men's &  
women's clothes, books, ex-  
ercise equip., typewriter, vacu-  
um, LOTS OF STUFF

### Huge Garage & Patio Sale

COLLECTION 40 YEARS  
Glass, pedal cars, kitchen  
fishing items, toys, clothes,  
misc. Fri. & Sat. 8-4 CASH  
1617 Clayton Way  
(at Vern Lane)

### Huge Rummage Sale

SAT. ONLY 8-4  
Fair Oaks Church Parking Lot  
Ref., exercise bike, bikes,  
furn., furn., toys, clothes,  
books & much more. 1925  
Ridson Rd. (off Oak Grove)

### HUGE SALE

Household items, golf  
bills, furniture, computer,  
many other items  
SATURDAY 8-30-30  
912 MOHR LANE.

### JUNK? TREASURES?

LOTS OF STUFF  
FRI., SAT., SUN. 8-3  
3311 EUCLID AVE.

### MOVING SALE

1 DAY ONLY 10-3  
SUNDAY MAY 21  
Kitchenware, books, LPs,  
furniture, computer desk,  
radio, etc. All must go!  
1422 NEWALL PARKWAY  
(off Clayton Rd.)

### MOVING SALE

Furniture, kids' clothing, toys,  
tools, household items,  
TOO MUCH TO MENTION

### Sat. 8-3

2394 HEMLOCK ST.  
MOVING SALE  
SAT. & SUN.  
2624 Richard Ave.  
(Cross Street Broadmoor)  
FRI., SAT. & SUN. 9-5  
Lots of tools & toys, boy's  
bikes, boy's/schooler's items  
clothing, washer & dryer,  
refrigerator & much more!

### MOVING SALE

SAT. SUN. 9-5  
2518 Lynn Ave.  
Off Detroit, Love-seat, chair,  
microwave, GA king water-  
bed, bookshelf, dog house,  
more!

### MOVING SALE

SAT. SUN. 10-5  
2154 HURON DR.  
(off Esplanade)  
Lg. oak desk, tent, trail-  
er, boat, microwave, stack-  
able washer/dryer, dresser,  
clothes, misc. hand.

### MOVING SALE

1653 Walnut Heights Ln.  
Thu., Fri. & Sat.  
8:30-3:00 p.m.

## Concord

### NEIGHBORHOOD SALE

FRI. & SAT. 8-4  
Lots of kids stuff, LITTLE  
TIKES, OUTSIDE PLAYSET  
Sandbox, car seats, stroller,  
clothes, toys, furn.  
3097 Santa Paula Dr.  
No early birds pls

### SAT. SUN. 8-5

Little Tikes toys, tools, camp-  
ing gear, etc. sm. appls.,  
misc. baby stuff, dog house,  
electronics, much more  
3097 Santa Paula Dr.  
No early birds pls

### RUMMAGE SALE

SAT. 5/20, 9-3 PM  
755 OAK GROVE RD.  
Sponsored By  
Ignacio Valley  
Boys Basketball Team  
Held in school parking lot

### RUMMAGE SALE

SAT. ONLY 8-12  
Springwood Swim Club  
4554 Concord Blvd.  
Kids stuff, toys, collections,  
sporting, 6-5, 2nd floor  
clothes, household items, &  
NCHC

### SATURDAY 9-5 & Sun. 9-3

3385 Moretti Dr.  
**RAIN OR SHINE**  
4 Fam. Garage Sale  
Furn., appls., clothing, new  
chairs, old light fixtures, misc.  
Grand Piano, much more

### Several Family Sale

Furn., baby things, misc.,  
1725 Greer Ave.  
Sat. & Sun. 8-4

### SIX FAMILY SALE

Diablo Terrace Apt.  
4900 Clayton Rd.  
Sat. May 20, 8-2

### SUNDAY 5/21, 9-5 PM

810 Oak Grove Dr. #27  
Corner Of Treat Blvd.  
Patio Stereo Equip., furn.,  
micro wave, TV, typewriter,  
sports equip., kids' house-  
hold items, toys, clothes

### SUN ONLY 9-2

1880 Jacqueline Way  
EVERYTHING MUST GO  
Please No Early Birds. Dress-  
er, sewing mach. w/able,  
Apple primary falling table,  
baby/kids decor, kit items &  
lots of odds & ends

### WE'RE MOVING

Blue Diamond dishes, serves  
12; wing chair, glass tables,  
lots of misc. items  
SAT. MAY 20, 9-3  
1871 LAS RAMBLAS  
N. (off Santa Rita)

### WHOLE HOUSE downsizing

Sale. Curio cabinets, more  
furn., huge Dietrich & dealer  
promo car model collection.  
Antique furniture, Mens Le-  
vi's & shirts, Appliances,  
etc. Fri. & Sat. 9-5 5020 Laurel  
Dr. off Avers Rd.

### 4368 WILSON LN.

(Near Treat/Clayton Rd.)  
SUNDAY 8-2  
Computer, clothing, toys, etc.

### YARD SALE

SAT. & SUN. 8-4  
1855 Esplanade Drive  
(Off Landana & Village)  
Clothing, children's section,  
furniture, household misc. &  
much more

## Danville

### BCC's 3rd Annual

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
Thu. 5/18 & Fri. 5/19  
9-5 No Early Birds  
20 Patrick's Place  
off Linda Mesa  
Furn., little tykes toys, baby  
stuff, home decor, etc.  
Items, sports, garden, cloth-  
ing, bikes, etc. TV's & misc.

### ESTATE SALE

Gorgeous estate, antiques &  
new. Packed with marble &  
chairs, furniture, paintings,  
lovely access. Spode, Capi-  
corno, Limoges, Lladro,  
Lenox, Waterford stem &  
glass, 3 w. med. in kitchen.  
Lamps, designer  
clothes & bedding. Fine jew-  
elry, Christmas, many  
candles - don't miss!  
Fri. Sat. Sun. 11-5  
2104 Oneida (across from  
golf course)

### ESTATE SALE

SAT. & SUN. 8-3  
Kitchen table, clothing, bunk  
bed, lamps, furniture, kitchen-  
ware, electronics. Lots of  
good stuff, priced to sell.  
334 Adagio Drive  
(Off Greenbrae)

### 4 FAMILY SALE

FRI. & SAT. 8-3  
29 Meadow View Ct.  
Furn., clothes, videos, home  
decor, misc. car, auto, golf  
equip.

### HUGE Neighborhood Sale

**20+ FAMILIES**  
SAT. MAY 20 ONLY 8-3  
194 DOW CREEK LN.  
(Carmine Tassara)  
Furniture, Baby Items, etc.

### Huge Rummage Sale

SAT. MAY 20TH, 8-2  
Vista Grande School  
667 Diablo Road  
(Off Carmine Tassara)

### MOVING SALE

Sat. 9-3, Sun. 10-2  
75 Panama Ct.  
(Woodranch Circle)  
(In front of church)  
Furn., clothing, electronics,  
hand. items, misc. Must sell!

### MULTI FAMILY SALE

SAT. 8-2  
36 Cedar Hollow Dr.  
(Diablo Rd. to West El Pintado)  
Furn., rug, toys, house-  
hold items, clothes, pedestal  
sink, bike, & much more!

## Danville

### MULTI FAMILY SALE

FRI. 8-2, SAT. 8-4  
Shen Ln./Town & Country Dr.  
Furn., 50 HP outboard mtr.,  
TV, microwave, Oriental rug,  
baby stuff, bike, kitchenware,  
Avon, toys, kids stuff, comput-  
er games, Little Tikes, More!

### SAT. 8-5

601 Rock Island Cir.  
(off Greenbrae Rd.)  
Clothes, dishware, misc. &  
Parakeet & Cockatiel

### SATURDAY 5/20 9-2

**Glen Rd. Grand Sale**  
661 Glen Rd.  
Furn., clothes, antiques,  
misc.  
5251 Sorbante Ave.  
Fri. Sat. 9-3

### 227 Morris Ranch Rd.

Corner Morris Ranch & Bowser  
St. 4554 Concord Blvd.  
NO EARLY BIRDS  
Miscellaneous

### SAT. 8-12

150 TOWN & COUNTRY DR.  
**MOVING SALE**  
Washer/dryer, king bed, patio  
furn., LOTS & LOTS OF  
GOOD STUFF

### 150 Town & Country

Dr.  
Sat. 8-12  
**MOVING SALE**  
Washer/dryer, king bed; lots  
& lots of good stuff

### Discovery Bay

**HUGE MOVING SALE**  
Furn., Sun. 9-5  
100's of items incl. 1 pr. of  
Cloisonne lamps, china, silver  
pewter, new gift items, ant-  
iques, old sewing machs,  
trunk, bed linen, oriental  
rugs, copper & brass items  
Ethnic & Allen dr. m. set  
4868 Oakdale Pl

### MOVING SALE

5710 Starboard Drive  
(Off Willow Lake)  
Household appliances, sofa,  
loveseat and 2 recliners  
Household appliances, cloth-  
ing, knick knacks, books, etc.

### SATURDAY 8-3

110 DISCOVERY BAY BLVD  
**MUST SEE**  
3 FAM. GARAGE SALE

### MOVING SALE

SAT. 5/20, 8-5  
1604 RANCHO VIEW RD.  
Furn., stereo equip., ap-  
pliances, China, TV, dog  
crate, guitars, rug, bike, misc.

### Dublin

**GARAGE SALE**  
11833 Dublin Green Dr.  
Sat. 5-20, 9-1 PM  
Boy's toys, bed, boy's tool  
shop, & misc. items

### MOVING

Furn., decorator, hshld. items  
Sat. & Sun. 9-5 p.m.  
11754 Castle Ct.  
(925) 828-0610

### SAT ONLY 10-3

11981 W. Vomas Rd.  
Desk, TV, tools, elec-  
tronics, misc. items.

### SUNDAY ONLY

8AM-5PM  
7612 BURNHAM WAY  
Furniture, clothes, TVs, snow  
board, tons of odds & ends

### El Cerrito

**ESTATE SALE**  
2089 TAPSCOTT  
(OFF TOWN)  
SAT. & SUN. 9-2  
LOU'S DINING ROOM SET  
DOLL HOUSE, RUGS & MORE

### Huge Garage Sale

FRI. ONLY MAY 19 9-3  
6922 STOCKTON  
Something for everyone!

### LARGE ESTATE SALE

1920's lg. dark din. set  
wrought iron furn.; yellow  
chrome dinette; g. eclectic  
scholarly library; records;  
electronics; piano; many  
dressers; desks; glassware  
TONS more! RH Anderson

### MULTI-FAMILY SALE

SAT. & SUN. 10-3  
EARLY ON  
RAIN OR SHINE  
At Schmidt off San Pablo Ave

### MULTI FAMILY

SAT. 5/20, 10-4  
Berrett to Sonoma  
5702 Hazel Ave.  
Tools, Solids, computer  
software/hardware, furn.,  
kitchenware, more.

### SATURDAY ONLY

May 20th 8-3  
Clothes, household goods,  
small appliances, books,  
Asian collectibles, etc.  
SYCAMORE CHURCH  
1111 NAVILLER ST.

## El Sobrante

### HOUSE SALE, FRI. SAT. & SUN. 10-4

3530 Santa Maria Rd.  
Furn., ottoman \$165, vinyl  
entertainment center, \$100  
Desk & chair \$50. Leather  
desk's chair \$200. Bookcase,  
dresser, director chr

### May 19 to 20, 8-4

3663 May Rd.  
Cross st. Painted Pony  
Little tykes estate & stuff  
plants, furn., cheap adult &  
kids clothes, glassware

### MOVING SALE

Qn/twin beds; new 24"  
stove; computer, tv, chr.,  
couch; kitchenware, misc.  
399 Ford Taurus  
5251 Sorbante Ave.  
Fri. Sat. 9-3

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### MULTI FAMILY SALE

SAT. MAY 20TH, 9-4  
Hillview Farm  
ST. JAMES DR.  
(OFF HILLCREST)  
No Early Birds

### SAT. 5/20 & SUN. 5/21

1090 St. Andrews  
(x Mitchell)  
Back & front Yard Sale  
Tools, lawn/mower, chipper,  
bike, camping gear, dishes &  
misc.

### SATURDAY, 8-11

3824 Hidden Springs Ct.  
(Top of the hill)  
Toys, games & misc. items.  
Lafayette

### BIG YARD SALE

4000 Comics, a collector's  
delight, including comic  
books, action figures, col-  
lectibles, jewelry, rugs, glass-  
ware, books, lawn or shine  
Sat. 10-4. Follow Yellow & or  
ange signs to 101 Lafayette  
Ct. off Mt. Diablo Blvd

### GARAGE SALE

1157 Hams Ct.  
Sun. 5/20, 9-2 PM  
Lots of Stuff, Furniture, Toys,  
Little Tike's toys, micro wave  
stand, clothes, kitchen  
items & more

### ESTATE

& Neighborhood Sale  
Antiques, furn., quality cloth-  
ing, jewelry, tools & garden  
Sat. & Sun. 9-4 p.m.

### 3984 LOS ARABIS

FRI 8-12 & SAT 9-11  
1000's of items including So-  
fex, 1970 Ford Mustang, 1970  
Performa computer, qual-  
clothes. No early birds pls

### MOVING SALE

SATURDAY 8-2-5  
1604 RANCHO VIEW RD.  
Furn., stereo equip., ap-  
pliances, China, TV, dog  
crate, guitars, rug, bike, misc.

### RUMMAGE SALE

Sat. May 20, 7-12:30  
Burton Valley Pre-School  
584 Glenside Dr.  
(off St. Mary's Rd.)  
OVER 40 FAMILIES

### SATURDAY MAY 20th

8AM-5PM  
3394 MORAGA BLVD.  
Babies clothes & toys, fur-  
niture, books, household &  
misc. items

### SUNDAY ONLY 9-3 PM

1635 RANCHO VIEW DR.  
(First house on the right. Off  
Linda Mesa Rd. to the right  
at Acalanes H.S. Follow  
the signs.) Baby items,  
changing tables, high chair,  
etc. Household items & more

### SAT. & SUN. 8-1

(Cross St. to Glacier to Ophir)  
Tons of baby items, dog  
seats, toys, swing, chang-  
ing stroller, clothes & mat-  
ernity clothes, bicycles, lawn  
mower & many hshld. items

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### MOVING SALE

SAT. ONLY 9-3  
78 Tixie Dr. & collect-  
ables.  
Patterson Pass to Gale. Fol-  
low signs.

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# Only 31% of Californians can afford a home, CAR says

LOS ANGELES - Housing affordability in California fell to 31 percent in March, down 8 percentage points from March 1999, according to the California Association of Realtors.

"The last time housing affordability was this low was in June 1992, when it was 30 percent," said C.A.R. President Richard F. Gaylor. "The median price of a home, which rose to an all-time high of \$238,870 in March, coupled with rising mortgage interest rates, is putting homeownership out of reach for many families in California."

Nationwide, affordability was 53 percent in March, down from 56 percent a year ago.

C.A.R.'s monthly housing affordability index measures the percentage of households that can afford to purchase a median-priced home in California. C.A.R. also reports housing affordability indexes for regions within the state. The index is the most fundamental measure of housing well-being in the state.

At 12 percent, the least affordable county in the state was San Francisco, followed by 13 percent for neighboring San Mateo County and the San Francisco Bay Area's Contra Costa County.

In Southern California, San Diego County was the least affordable, registering 25 percent, followed by Orange County at 28 percent. In Los Angeles County, affordability was 37 percent and in Ventura County it was 32 percent.

With housing affordability at 72 percent, the High Desert remains the most affordable region in the state.

"In March we saw a continuing deterioration in the ability of California families to purchase a home," said Leslie Appleton-Young, C.A.R.'s vice president and chief economist. "For example," Young added, "the minimum income required to purchase a median-priced home in March was \$67,663, up 22.9 percent from a year ago when it was \$55,063."

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The California Association of Realtors ([www.car.org](http://www.car.org)) is one of the largest state trade organizations in the United States, with more than 95,000 members dedicated to the advancement of professionalism in real estate. C.A.R. is headquartered in Los Angeles.

# Historic awards evening

■ The honors going to a historian, house, map and activist are part of Richmond's series of millennium activities

By Tom Lochner  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND — A historian, a community activist, a house and a map will be honored at the inaugural Historic Preservation Awards ceremony at the Richmond Museum of History.

The May 17 event comes as the city takes part in the federal "Millennium Community" program. Richmond was among the first nine cities, counties and towns nationwide awarded that distinction by the White House Millennium Council. There are now 500 such communities.

The awards, which organizers plan to give annually, are part of a yearlong series of millennium activities that include a multicultural festival, a mural project, a millennium map, a senior ball and the Family History Scrapbook Project now on view at City Hall.

The four award winners are:  
■ The Chamber of Commerce "Honor the Past, Imagine the Future" map, which lists more than two dozen historical sites as well as parks and places where public art is displayed.

■ Rosemere House, a 1903 Queen Anne-style cottage in south Richmond. Once a family residence with a formal foyer, parlor and dining room and a garden with a fish pond, fountain and waterfall, the mustard-colored house in the Coronado neighborhood has been the subject of an ongoing restoration project by its owner, Chuck Fetters.

■ Shirley Ann Wilson Moore, author of "To Place Our Deeds — The African American Community in

Richmond, California, 1910-1963." The book, based on more than 100 hours of taped interviews with residents, focuses on Richmond's black population during the city's transformation from a sleepy backwater to a teeming World War II shipbuilding center that made labor, industrial and military history.

■ Lucretia Edwards, a longtime activist for environmental, civil rights and preservation-related causes.

Edwards worked for the preservation of Winehaven, once arguably the world's largest winery, which fell into disrepair with the advent of Prohibition after a brief fling manufacturing non-alcoholic grape juice. It later became part of the Point Molate Naval Fuel Depot, which was closed in the mid-1990s.

Edwards, an octogenarian who lives in Point Richmond, lobbied for the inclusion of Winehaven and the East Brother Light Station in the National Register of Historic Places. She also lobbied for the creation of Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline and Point Pinole Regional Park, both in Richmond.

Lucretia Edwards Park, at the foot of Marina Way, was named in her honor. Shelby Sampson, assistant curator of the Richmond Museum of History, calls Edwards "a living treasure." "She is a fount of historical information," said Sampson.

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# Heavy demand, affordability boost home sales nationwide

WASHINGTON — Excellent housing affordability conditions and continued strong demand by both entry-level and trade-up home buyers drove total existing-home sales to a new record in the first quarter of 2000, with 29 states posting increases from a year ago, according to the National Association of Realtors.

NAR's latest report on sales of previously owned single-family homes, condominiums and co-operatives found that total sales rose by double-digit rates in nine states in the first quarter of this year, compared to the same quarter in 1999. Nineteen states and the District of Columbia reported a decline in the resale rate in comparison with a year ago. Indiana and Michigan reported no change compared to a year ago.

The NAR survey showed that nationwide, the seasonally adjusted annual rate of existing single-family, apartment condominium and co-operative home sales totaled a record 6.04 million units in the first quarter of 2000, up 2.4 percent from the 5.89 million-unit rate in the first quarter of 1999. This was the highest annual pace since NAR started tracking the

total state resale series in 1981.

NAR President Dennis R. Cronk ([denniscronk.com](http://denniscronk.com)) said the state resale report is indicative of strong consumer confidence in the economy. "Mortgage interest rates are not the only factor that impact affordability conditions. Despite modest rises in interest rates in recent months, the other main factors which determine affordability conditions — rising income levels and stable home prices — have continued to attract buyers to all segments of the housing market," Cronk said. "In addition to first-time and move-up buyers, there are a lot of buyers out there searching for a vacation home, as well," Cronk noted.

"Recent research by NAR found that there were 377,000 single-family second-home sales in 1999, up 9.3 percent from 345,000 sales in 1997," Cronk noted. "NAR's research also found that about 6 percent of all homes sold each year are second homes — many of which are purchased as trial retirement homes," he added.

Dr. Fred Flick, vice president of NAR's economic and research division attributes the strong housing

market to a combination of increased equity by consumers in both homes and stocks. "This equity coupled with the good economy in recent years, has made it possible for increasing numbers of people to achieve the goal of buying recreational property," Flick said.

"With the volatility of the stock market, some buyers may be looking to diversify their portfolio by switching some of their equity into more price stable assets such as real estate."

The strongest year-to-year increase was in Hawaii, where the first quarter resale pace rose 27.3 percent compared to the first quarter of 1999. South Dakota, which rose 18.2 percent from a year ago, ranked second. North Carolina posted the third highest year-to-year increase, up 17.7 percent from last year's first quarter rate.

The National Association of Realtors, "The Voice for Real Estate," is America's largest professional real estate association, representing more than 750,000 members involved in all aspects of the commercial and residential real estate industries.

# Long-term interest rates on the upswing

McLEAN, VA — In Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 8.52 percent, with an average cost of 1 point (1 percent of the loan amount), for the week ending May 12, up from last week's average of 8.28 percent. This time last year the 30-year year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.10 percent. The 30-year year fixed-rate mortgage has not been higher since the week ending March 10, 1995 when it averaged 8.62 percent.

The average for 15-year year fixed-rate mortgages is 8.17 percent this week, with an average cost of 1 point, rising from last week's average of 7.94 percent.

A year ago, the 15-year year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 6.71 percent. The 15-year year fixed-rate mortgage has not been higher since the week ending March 10, 1995 when it averaged 8.24 percent.

The rate for 1-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages

(ARMs) averaged 6.96 percent this week, with an average cost of one point, up from last week's average of 6.90 percent. This time last year, the 1-year ARM averaged 5.71 percent. The 1-year ARM has not been higher since the week ending August 23, 1991, when it averaged 7.03 percent.

"Long-term rates jumped this week in anticipation of the Fed's actions," said Robert Van Order, chief economist for Freddie Mac. "News that inflation finally reared its ugly head has increased the perception that the Fed will raise rates by 50 basis points, instead of the 25 that had been previously expected."

Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation established by Congress to support of homeownership and rental housing. Freddie Mac purchases single-family and multifamily residential mortgages and mortgage-related securities, which it finances primarily by issuing mortgage passthrough securities and debt instruments in the capital

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markets. Freddie Mac has opened doors for one in six homebuyers and more than two million renters in America.

# So just why do I need that home inspection anyway?

According to the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) a home inspection is an objective visual examination of the physical structure and systems of a home, from the roof to the foundation.

Having a home inspected is like giving it a physical check-up. If problems or symptoms are found, the inspector may recommend further evaluation.

The standard home inspector's report will review the condition of the home's heating system, central air conditioning system (temperature permitting), interior plumbing and electrical systems; the roof, attic, and visible insulation; walls, ceilings, floors, windows and doors; the foundation, basement, along with the home's visible structure.

The purchase of a home is probably the largest single investment you will ever make.

You should learn as much as you can about the condition of the prop-

erty and the need for any major repairs before you buy, so that you can minimize unpleasant surprises and difficulties afterwards.

Of course, a home inspection also points out the positive aspects of a home, as well as the maintenance that will be necessary to keep it in good shape. After the inspection, you will have a much clearer understanding of the property you are about to purchase.

If you are already a home owner, a home inspection may be used to identify problems in the making and to learn preventive measures which might avoid costly future repairs.

If you are planning to sell your home, you may wish to have an inspection prior to placing your home on the market.

This will give you a better understanding of conditions which may be discovered by the buyer's inspector,

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and an opportunity to make repairs that will put the house in better selling condition.

For more information and an in-depth look at home inspections, visit ASHI's Web site at [www.ashi.com](http://www.ashi.com).

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## Vrankovich outduels Ferreira in thriller

**Panthers pull out 2-0 win over Monarchs**

By Scott Strain  
CORRESPONDENT

OAKLAND - For six innings, Laura Ferreira of Holy Names threw the game for the ages. For seven innings, Mikka Vrankovich of St. Mary's threw the game for the century.



JOANNA J-HANDA/STAFF

ST. MARY'S Liz Spivey was hit by a pitch in the top of the seventh inning, stole second base, advanced to third on a single by Chrissy Chavez and was hit home by Becky Waxman.

The two pitchers hooked up in an extraordinary game Tuesday at Laney College, an extremely rare double-no-hitter that the Panthers won 2-0 to advance into semifinals of the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League playoffs.

St. Mary's (10-7) played at Alameda (15-5) on Thursday in the semifinals.

Vrankovich was awesome, coming off a one-hit, 10-strikeout 4-1 victory against De Anza on Monday in the regular season finale, and then shutting down a good Holy Names lineup. Vrankovich allowed three walks and had only two strikeouts. She let her defense do the work; the other 25 outs were recorded in the field.

Ferreira was "awesome," striking out the first 13 batters she faced and finishing with 19 overall. She walked Becky Waxman with one out in the fifth before striking out the next two batters. All 19 strikeouts were swinging. St. Mary's never got the ball out of the infield, yet won the game.

The key to the game was that the Panthers played defense and the Monarchs didn't.

With one out in the top of the seventh, Ferreira hit Liz Spivey with an 0-2 pitch. Spivey stole second. Chrissy Chavez hit a slow ground ball to first baseman Terri Archer, who bobbled it. Spivey went to third and Chavez was safe on the error. Chavez stole second.

Ferreira then went 1-2 on Becky Waxman, the next batter, but Waxman fouled off three straight fastballs before hitting a slow ground ball to second baseman Caitlin Lyman, whose only play was to first.

Spivey scored, and things got worse for Lyman. She booted Amy Brennick's

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JOANNA J-HANDA/STAFF

ST. MARY'S Catherine Mullarkey, right, caught the third out of the final inning against Holy Names. Nicole Shandaan, in back, celebrated the win.

## Panthers, Gauchos run well at league finals

**St. Mary's track young and improving**

By Scott Strain  
CORRESPONDENT

PIEDMONT —The frightening thing about the St. Mary's track and field teams are that they can only get better.

"We're about a year away," said coach Jay Lawson about his teams. "We're young and inexperienced and a lot of these kids are being exposed to this type of competition for the first time."

"We've got some depth on both teams; we just need to mature a little."

Both teams raced away with the team scoring titles — the boys won with 213 points and the girls had 169. They finished far ahead of second-place El Cerrito (95) in the boys competition and Piedmont (76) in the girls.

The Panthers started their assault on the titles last Thursday, when Solomon Welch won the triple jump with a leap of 45-4 and Asokoh Muhammad was second in 44-9. Trestin George was third at 44-7. Welch (21-8½) and George (20-11) took second and third in the long jump behind surprise winner Lionel Arnold of Richmond, who won with 21-9½.

Welch also added the 110 hurdles title on Saturday, winning 15.13 seconds.

"I'm going to try efforts. 'It's all because we all jump so close to each other.'"

The three athletes — Welch, Muhammad and George — are so close in their events that practices can take on the aura of mini-meets.

"We talk a lot of mess in practice," Welch told a reporter. "It's all because we all jump so close to each other."

Other highlights included Ebon Glenn winning the high jump at 6-6; Sean Geraghty winning the 800 in 1:58.16 and the Panthers relay teams winning both the 400 (42.56) and 1,600 (3:28.71).

On the girls side, Bridget Duffy won both the 1,600 (5:12.46) and the 3,200 (11:22.99). Duffy got so far ahead so fast in the 3,200 that she beat the second-place finisher (Mary Phelps of Piedmont) by 39.25 seconds. She'll go after both titles at the Bayshore Regionals at Chabot College Saturday.

"I wanted a conservative race," Duffy said after the 1,600. "I just wanted to stay

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STEVE MASLANKA

EL CERRITO runner Ashley Lodree jumps the last hurdle in the Girls 300m event at the meet at Piedmont High School. Lodree beat her De Anza opponent by a narrow margin.

## El Cerrito track not to be taken lightly

By Scott Strain  
CORRESPONDENT

PIEDMONT — St. Mary's may be the dominant force in Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League track and field this year, but don't count out El Cerrito.

The Gauchos boys and girls track teams turned in some sterling performances Saturday in the ACCAL finals at Piedmont High. Now we'll see if they can keep it up at the North Coast Sectional Bayshore Regionals, the finals of which will be held Saturday at Chabot College in Hayward.

The Gaucho girls finished third behind St. Mary's and Piedmont in the team scoring with 68 points. The Panthers had 169 and Piedmont had 76.

First of all, the El Cerrito girls got a big victory in the 400 relay, defeating both St. Mary's and a rising Holy Names quartet. The Gauchos' foursome of Brandi Gates, Ashlee Lodree, Darci Sanford and Monique Coleman finished first in a time of 48.04.

Coleman also won both the 100 and 200, winning in a time of 12:08 and 25:07 respectively.

"We had good handoffs today," said Gates, who later pulled an hamstring in the 100 and had to withdraw. "We were right behind Holy Names in Sacramento (at the Meet of Champions) and our handoffs weren't too good and it was in the rain. We have to focus on our goal and that is the state meet."

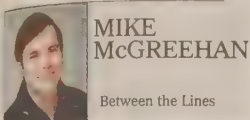
What threw Holy Names off was that

Coleman had usually run second leg and this time ran anchor. She blew by Cinya Burton in the last 30 meters to win the race.

Gates figures that if Katrina Keith were still running for the Gauchos, they'd have a solid shot at a state title. Keith has transferred to Berkeley. "It made me mad," Gates said. "She was my best friend and she didn't even tell me she was transferring."

In the best race of the day, Lodree was nipped at the wire in the 100 hurdles by Danielle Stokes of St. Mary's. Stokes ran 14.57 seconds and Lodree 14.58. The El Cerrito runner came back, though, to win the 300 hurdles in 44.37.

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MIKE MCGREEHAN

Between the Lines

**NCS swim finals should be exciting, just like in the past**

Two years ago, the North Coast Section put on what was likely the most exciting high school championship swimming meet in the country at Indian Valley College in Novato.

Natalie Coughlin of Carondelet set national high school records in the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard backstroke trials, then came back the next day and improved those records in the finals.

Coughlin wasn't the only talk of the 1998 NCS meet. Her Carondelet teammate, Sylvia Bereckney, set NCS records in both the 100 and 200 freestyle.

Others excelled at that meet, too. But Coughlin and Bereckney were the Lennon and McCartney, Ruth and Gehrig, and Mantle and Maris of that meet. They were the Bash Sisters, if you will, leading their team to the title.

This year's meet promises to be exciting, too. For starters, it's at a brand new venue — the Soda Aquatic Center on the campus of Campolindo High School in Moraga. Those who know the tendencies of the new facility predict a fast meet.

Secondly, the meet is always one of the best in the nation.

Thirdly, the meet is not only the grand finale of the high school season, but also kicks off the summer season. Two years ago, for example, it made for a nice prelude to the U.S. National Championships in Fresno. Last year, it served as a springboard not only to the U.S. National, but to the Pan American and Pan Pacific games as well.

This year's meet is even more special with the Sydney Olympics coming up in September. This year's NCS will feature some Olympic hopefuls.

Bereckney is now a sophomore at Stanford. But Coughlin is back for the finale of her prep career. Her high school records of 1:58.84 for the 100 and 52.86 for the 100 backstroke still stand. At the time she set those records, her mark for the 100 backstroke was just 7 hundredths of a second behind the national record for all age groups.

This time around, Coughlin has the fastest qualifying time in the 100 butterfly at 54.25, which is 9 hundredths of a second faster than the meet record set by Moreau Catholic's Clara Ho two years ago. Coughlin also has this year's top qualifying time in the 200 IM at 2:00.37, roughly 1½ seconds slower than her record time.

Coughlin had a bum shoulder last year. And with the Olympic Trials coming up in August, why risk injury? But if anybody can drop time, Coughlin can. Coughlin's toughest challenge should come from Clayton Valley sophomore Laura Davis, a teammate with the Concord Terrapins Swim Team.

Some impressive names from the past still pop up when one glances at the list of NCS records. Three-time Olympian Matt Biondi still holds the meet record for the boys 50 freestyle at 20.40, a mark he set as a senior at Campolindo High in 1983.

Chances are, teams from Central Contra Costa County will dominate the meet as they usually do. Schools on this side of the Caldecott Tunnel are relatively weak in swimming and generally provide little challenge to those on the other side.

At Indian Valley College last year, however, Piedmont High School gave coach Mike Ruffner a nice send-off by winning the boys 400 freestyle relay, the last event on the schedule. Ruffner left to take a job with the Golden West Swim Club in Huntington Beach after a dozen years with the Highlanders.

This year, Erdem Kiciman of Piedmont has the second-fastest qualifying time heading into today's trials of the boys 50 freestyle (21.53).

The swimmer with maybe the greatest chances for success from leagues on this side of the hills is Alameda High's Samantha Caetano, who trains with Coughlin and Davis with the Terrapins.

Caetano has the fastest qualifying

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# Arts

## Filmmakers strike gold at festival

Berkeley filmmakers Henry and Ellen Korman captured the Grand Award for best biography at the 33rd International Film and Video Festival in April for their 19-minute video, "Gurdjieff in Egypt: The Origin of Esoteric Knowledge."

The Biography/Autobiography category was one of the most competitive of the festival, with 53 entries.

The Houston International Festival, among the oldest in the world, has its former first-time winners among cinematic luminaries as Stephen Spielberg, George Lucas, David Lynch, John Sayles, Oliver Stone and many other prominent names in the film industry.

Produced by the Kormans, "Gurdjieff in Egypt" traces G. I. Gurdjieff's search for and discovery of the origin of esoteric knowledge, and presents the startling new geological findings that rededicate the Sphinx to 10,000 B.C., as well as other recent findings in Egyptology.

The documentary was shot on location in Egypt at the Giza plateau, the Temple of Man, Temples of Edfu and the Temple of Karnak.

The video sells for \$29.95 and is available at bookstores or on the Web at [www.gurdjieff-legacy.org](http://www.gurdjieff-legacy.org).



**BILL MANN**

Media Notes

## Radio news about to lose local stalwarts

There are a couple of major anchor changes pending at the Bay Area's two top-rated stations, KCBS and KGO.

This week's announcement that long-time anchor Al Hart is leaving KGO June 2 after 34 years at the 100-watt all-news station would be a blow in and of itself, but the reason for Hart's departure makes it doubly so. The genial, classically trained KCBS resident's wife, Sally, has been diagnosed with ALS, and the anchor wants to be with her.

It's the kind of thing you don't expect from Hart, the epitome of professionalism and class. It's hard to imagine KCBS without Hart's dulcet tones. Martin Snapp, a friend of Hart's, tells you more about this sweet, gentle soul next week. Hart will be leaving KGO for a brief stint at KGO, and except for a brief stint at KGO, he was replaced by Stan Hunter and moved to afternoons in KGO. We've come to rely on Hart's professionalism in the morning. And he never lets you down.

Hart's departure in two weeks, local radio, which is never cruder than ever, will lose a little more so. We need Al Hart, not fewer.

Hart will be leaving full-time radio, but he'll still do some KCBS programming just before his direct competitor and another local radio vet, KGO's Jim Dunbar, also retires from the morning grind in July.

Dunbar is a Radio Hall of Famer. In fact, Dunbar will be doing commentaries from his home in Tiburon.

We learned that former KGO anchor newsman Greg Jarrett, who is currently doing morning news on newstalk KEWS-AM up in Oakland, has been selected as the new station's new afternoon anchor. He'll work with Oakland resident Rosie Allen. Allen's longtime partner, Walnut Creek's Ed "Big Screen" Baxter, will replace Dunbar in July as Ted Koppel's morning co-anchor. Jarrett was KGO's noon anchor until 1995, when he left to join KGO in Los Angeles. It's the major anchor appointment at KGO in its 20 years. KGO management wants to make a big official announcement soon about both Jarrett and Baxter. (That way, KGO can send a press release to the S.F. Chronicle, which is just about the only paper that "cover" radio.) Both, however, are already done deals. Jarrett, who's no pushover, will be an interesting match to work with the opinionated Allen, a former



LAZAR KRESTIN'S PAINTING "Birth of Jewish Resistance" and a Torah ark from the Paradesi synagogue in Emakulum, India, are on display at the Judah L. Magnes Museum in Berkeley.

## Exhibit showcases Jewish art, artifacts

Cultural tradition and identity help shape this eclectic and diverse display

By Brady Kahn  
CORRESPONDENT

A Palestinian Jewish seal dating from the seventh century BCE; a ceremonial Torah ark from a small community in India; a wedding dress from turn-of-the-century San Francisco; a burnt Israeli flag salvaged from last year's arson attack on a Sacramento synagogue: All this and much more are part of the Judah L. Magnes Museum's latest undertaking, "Telling Time: To Everything There Is a Season."

Organized around the seasons of the year, "Telling Time" uses the objects in the museum's collection to talk about the seasons of life and the meaning of Jewish holidays. Visitors can now see rich displays on spring and summer; more material for fall and winter goes up in November. The exhibit will run for two years.

"We were trying to show how one particular culture maintains its identity through its traditions," says Judaica curator Michal Friedlander.

### EXHIBIT PREVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Telling Time: To Everything There Is a Season"

■ **WHERE:** Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley

■ **WHEN:** Runs through May 2002; museum hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday-Thursday

■ **HOW MUCH:** Free

■ **CALL:** 510-549-6950

"You don't have to be Jewish to appreciate it," Friedlander was one of four curators and two archivists who collaborated on the exhibition.

"It is probably the biggest show we've ever done," says painting and sculpture curator and exhibit coordinator Sheila Braufman. "It's an opportunity to show people what the museum is about and what we collect."

Located in a restored mansion on a residential street in Berkeley, the Magnes Museum has been quietly but steadily building its collection since it was founded in 1962 by former director Seymour Fromer. It now

boasts the third largest collection of Jewish art and artifacts in the United States, but given the museum's limited gallery space, most of the collection is rarely seen.

"We wanted a theme where we would be able to focus on all the collections and that would be of general interest," says Braufman. "One of the main concepts is that rituals, prayers and traditions make you aware of the moment and make the moment sacred."

A display on the springtime holiday of Passover, called "Bringing the Past Into the Present," juxtaposes a variety of images and ritual objects to show how Jews throughout time have commemorated the biblical Exodus. Among the objects is a 19th-century velvet matzo cover embroidered with gold thread. It sits near a ritual Haggadah text, illustrated by Ben Shahn. Nearby is a timeless photograph of a Hassidic man making round matzos by hand.

"Telling Time" also focuses on important rites of passage, such as a 13-year-old's bar or bat mitzvah. Not everything in the exhibition is even old or biblically based. Besides traditional wedding accoutrements, the show also includes a video called "June Bride," a comedy monologue

by a Jewish lesbian performance artist talking about her plans for a same-sex marriage. In it, she tells us she's nervous about breaking the wineglass, a wedding ritual conventionally performed by Jewish men.

As the curator of Judaica, the study and collection of material from Jewish culture, Friedlander was responsible for a large portion of the objects on display, including such diverse pieces as a 19th-century Torah binder and a series of Mason jars containing soil samples from the Middle East. Both form part of the spring display.

"There was a large debate about putting that in," she says, referring to the soil samples. "But for me there was nothing more essential than the Earth and the idea of protecting the Earth from generation to generation." The man who collected the samples, Walter Clay Lowdermilk, was an early soil conservationist and pioneering environmentalist who worked in the U.S. Conservation Service under Franklin D. Roosevelt. Although he was not Jewish, an Israeli school of agricultural engineering is named after him. In 1939, Lowdermilk wrote the 11th commandment.

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## HOT SHEET!

■ **SUZ and the Oakland Asian Cultural Center** presents "Game of Life," an examination of bicultural and bilingual life, at 8 p.m. Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20, at 388 9th St., Oakland. Ellen Sebastian Chang directs. Tickets \$10 general, \$5 students and seniors. Call 510-208-6080.

■ **Cal Performances** presents the 2000 Berkeley Festival & Exhibition June 4-11 at the UC Berkeley campus. Tickets \$16-\$45. Call 510-642-9988.

### EVENTS



**CAL PERFORMANCES' World Stage** series features Hamza El Din, the father of modern Nubian music. He will perform at Zellerbach Hall Oct. 21. Tickets \$16-\$28. Call 510-642-9988.

**Marcus Bookstore** — A.J. Franklin, May 19. The author discusses his book "Boys Into Men: Raising Our African American Teenage Sons."

**Ishmael Reed**, May 20. The author discusses his book "The Reed Reader." Events are free and start at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland. Call 510-652-2344.

**Festival Of Greece 2000** — May 19-May 21. A vast array of Greek foods, pastries, music, dancing, artifacts, exhibits and cooking demonstrations.

**Tickets:** \$5 general free children under age 12. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday, at Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Ascension, 4700 Lincoln Ave., Oakland. Call 510-531-3400.

**Transformative Arts Dialogue Nights** — Ira and Corliss Lesser, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 19. A presentation by the collaborative artists.

**Free**, John F. Kennedy University Arts Annex, Berkeley Business Center, 2956 San Pablo Ave., Second Floor, Berkeley. Call 510-649-0499.

**The 17th annual Himalayan Fair** — May 20 and May 21. A celebration of Himalayan mountain cultures featuring authentic Himalayan arts, antiques and modern crafts, live music, dance, and more.

**Tickets:** \$5. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sunday at Live Oak Park, 1300 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 510-869-3995 or [www.himalayanfair.net](http://www.himalayanfair.net)

**Third annual East Bay Institute for Urban Arts Benefit Celebration** — 6 p.m. Saturday, May 20. Featuring interactive booths, silent art auction, food, raffle and music by the Laney College Jazz Ensemble.

**Tickets:** \$5 general, \$3 seniors and students. First Unitarian Church, 685 14th St., Oakland. Call 510-652-5300 ext. 131.

**"Golden Gala 2000: an Evening Of Good Taste"** — At 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 20. This elegant evening begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by a Tuscan supper from acclaimed Chef Paul Bertolli of Olivetto restaurant.

**Proceeds benefit** the Oakland Museum's education programs. Black Tie. Reservations required. **Tickets:** \$275 to \$550. Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak St., Oakland. Call 510-238-2917.

**Champions on Ice Summer Tour 2000** — At 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20. World and Olympic champion skaters present a program titled "Simply the

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### CAPSULE PREVIEWS

## Senior theater company serves up fresh laughs

By Meghan Powell  
STAFF WRITER

"If I Knew Then" continues at 8 p.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays at the Stagebridge theater in the First Congregational Church, 2501 Harrison St. at 27th Street in Oakland. Tickets: \$12. Details: 510-444-4755, or online at [www.stagebridge.org](http://www.stagebridge.org).

"Sin is not what it used to be, especially if you're older and wiser" is the message of this insightful new comedy," says Stagebridge, which proudly bills itself as the nation's oldest senior theater company. "If I Knew Then" is a new work from Linda Spector, who also wrote "Love, Sex, and Growing Old." For those decrying the seemingly increasing distance between the generations, Stagebridge is definitely part of the solution, not the problem. It has, its letterhead cheerfully announces, been "Uniting the generations since 1978."

"The Wake-Up Crew," continues through June 3, at La Val's Subterranean Theater, 1834 Euclid at Hearst, Berkeley. Tickets: \$5-\$10. Details: 510-464-4468.

This is a story by playwright Zay Amsbury about recent college grad James and his pals — who, he finds out, have gained superpowers. Battle on, James' pals. Incidentally, Impact Theatre notes that it "denies the slander found at [www.geocities.com/getwakeup](http://www.geocities.com/getwakeup)." (Kinda makes you want to call it up, doesn't it?)

"Gaslight" is being presented by California Conservatory Theatre of San Leandro, 999 East 14th St. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, through June 4. Tickets: \$15 adults,



**AL PALTIN** (l-r) Joanne Grimm and Paul Silverman appear in Linda Spector's new comedy "If I Knew Then," a Stagebridge production. The play will be performed at the First Congregational Church, 2501 Harrison St. in Oakland, through Sunday, May 28. Call 510-444-4755.

\$13 seniors/students. Details: 510-632-8850.

Ever feel like you're losing your mind? The problem is when you always feel like you're losing your mind.

That's the plight of Mrs. Manningham, a gentle soul whose mounting mental suffering is catalogued in the classic suspense thriller "Gaslight." See, this 19th-century lady has a hus-

band who's very concerned about her emotional state. But she also has a friend in a Scotland Yard man who may be able to shed some light on the inexplicable goings-on at Angel Street.

LINDA SVENDSON



## FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

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## Act I &amp; II

Center St. at Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FLM  
● The Big Kahuna (R) 7:10, 9:30  
● East is East (R) 7:10, 9:15

## Albany Twin

Solano at San Pablo Ave. Albany 843-FLM  
● The Color of Paradise (PG) 7:15, 9:20  
● Up at the Villa (PG-13) 7:00, 9:35

## California Theaters

On Killebrew at Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FLM  
● American Beauty (R) 12:30, 1:45, 9:20  
● Gladiator (R) 12:20, 3:45, 7:00, 10:00  
● Held Up (PG-13) 2:50, 7:15  
● The Virgin Suicides (R) 12:40, 1:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

## Century 25 Union City Union Landing★

32100 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-9593  
● 28 Days (PG-13) 10:30  
● Battlefield Earth (PG-13) 11:55 a.m., 12:20, 1:15, 1:55, 3:05, 3:55, 4:45, 5:35, 6:25, 7:40, 8:40, 9:40, 10:25  
● Center Stage (PG-13) 11:25 a.m., 2:15, 5:05, 7:55, 10:35

● Dinosaur (PG) 11:20 a.m., 11:50 a.m., 12:25, 12:55, 1:20, 1:50, 2:25, 2:55, 3:20, 3:50, 4:25, 4:55, 5:20, 5:50, 6:20, 7:20, 7:50, 8:25, 9:00, 9:20, 9:50  
● Erin Brockovich (PG-13) 12:30, 3:25, 6:45, 10:10  
● Final Destination (R) 11:35 a.m., 4:10, 9:10  
● The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (PG) 12:10, 2:50, 5:15, 7:35

● Frequency (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:50, 4:40, 7:25, 10:40  
● Gladiator (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:15, 5:00, 5:45, 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45  
● Held Up (PG-13) 11:55 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:05, 10:10  
● Dreamed of Africa (PG-13) 11:15 a.m.

● Love and Basketball (PG-13) 1:05, 3:45, 6:35, 9:25  
● Road Trip (R) 12:05, 12:45, 2:15, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 7:45, 9:15, 10:00  
● Romeo Must Die (R) 1:40, 6:35

● Rules of Engagement (R) 12:55, 3:40, 7:15, 9:50  
● Screened (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15  
● Small Time Crooks (PG) 11:45 a.m., 2:00, 4:20, 7:10, 9:35

● U-571 (PG-13) 12:35, 3:30, 6:20, 9:30  
● Where the Heart Is (PG-13) 12:15, 3:10, 6:15, 9:05

## Chabot Cinema

2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555  
● Gladiator (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

## Elmwood

2686 College Avenue, Berkeley 849-0530  
● All About My Mother (R) 5:50  
● The Cider House Rules (PG-13) 5:30  
● East-West (PG-13) 6:00  
● Magnolia (R) 8:00  
● Tita (R) 8:15  
● Topsy-Turvy (R) 8:05

## Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley★

2451 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 848-1143  
● Terminal USA (NR) 7:30  
● The Usual Suspects (R) 8:45

## Grand Lake Theater

3700 Grand Avenue, Oakland 452-3556  
● Battlefield Earth (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:25  
● The Big Kahuna (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30  
● Gladiator (R) 3:15, 6:30, 9:45  
● Road Trip (R) 1:30 a.m., 1:35, 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:10

## Jack London Cinema★

100 Washington St., Oakland 433-1320  
● Battlefield Earth (PG-13) 11:05 a.m., 12:15, 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:35  
● Center Stage (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05  
● Dinosaur (PG) 11:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:05, 1:35, 3:15, 3:45, 5:25, 5:55, 6:35, 6:05, 6:40, 10:10, 10:45  
● The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (PG) 11:45 a.m., 2:10

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● Road Trip (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:35  
● U-571 (PG-13) 7:15, 10:15

## Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward★

19901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-8000  
● Battlefield Earth (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 12:15, 2:30, 3:30, 5:10, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15  
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● Road Trip (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:35  
● Screened (PG-13) 12:10, 2:15, 5:00, 7:20, 9:35

## NAZ 8★

39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 797-2000  
● Chal Mere Bhai (NR) 5:00, 9:00, 7:11  
● Dahan Hara La Jayenge (NR) 5:00  
● Hathi Kar Di Aagun (NR) 5:00, 9:00  
● Hera Pheri (NR) 9:00  
● Kaho Naa Pyaar Hai (NR) 5:00, 9:00  
● Kyaa Kalam (NR) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00  
● Vallarasu (NR) 9:30

## Oaks Theater★

1875 Sorano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1836  
● Center Stage (PG-13) 7:00, 9:25  
● Small Time Crooks (PG) 6:00, 8:15, 10:10

## Piedmont Theatre

Piedmont at 41st, Oakland 843-FLM  
● East is East (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00  
● High Fidelity (R) 1:45, 4:20, 6:40, 9:05, 11:30  
● Small Time Crooks (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:40  
● The Virgin Suicides (R) 9:15

## Regal Hacienda Crossings 20

5000 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin 550-9600  
● 28 Days (PG-13) 3:45, 9:50  
● Battlefield Earth (PG-13) 10:35 a.m., 12:20, 1:30, 3:20, 4:30, 6:30, 7:40, 9:30, 10:40  
● Center Stage (PG-13) 10:40 a.m., 1:35, 4:35, 7:25, 10:20

● Dinosaur (PG) 10:30 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 12:10, 1:00, 1:50, 2:40, 3:30, 4:20, 5:10, 6:10, 7:00, 7:50, 8:45, 9:35, 10:25  
● Erin Brockovich (R) 11:40 a.m., 3:00, 6:20, 9:40  
● Final Destination (R) 11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05  
● The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (PG) 10:30 a.m., 1:00, 3:30, 6:10

● Frequency (PG-13) 12:35, 1:10, 4:15, 6:45, 7:30, 10:40  
● Gladiator (R) 11:15 a.m., 12:25, 3:05, 4:10, 6:55, 8:15, 9:50, 10:35  
● Dreamed of Africa (PG-13) 5:00  
● Road Trip (R) 10:55 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 1:45, 2:30, 4:25, 5:20, 7:10, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30

● Screened (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 2:05, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45  
● Small Time Crooks (PG) 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:10, 7:55, 10:30  
● U-571 (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 12:10, 2:00, 3:25, 6:30, 8:00, 9:25, 10:45

● Where the Heart Is (PG-13) 6:45 a.m., 9:50 a.m., 12:35, 3:35, 12:35 a.m., 3:35 a.m.

## Regal Hacienda Crossings IMAX

5000 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin 550-9600  
● Cirque Du Soleil: Journey of Man (G) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00  
● Michael Jordan to the MAX (NR) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

## Shattuck Cinemas★

On Shattuck at Killebrew, Berkeley 843-FLM  
● Bossa Nova (R) 12:35, 2:50, 5:05, 7:25, 9:55  
● Dinosaur (PG) 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:10, 9:10, 10:10  
● Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai (R) 12:40, 3:40, 6:50, 9:40

● High Fidelity (R) 1:45, 4:25, 7:20, 10:05  
● Human Resources (NR) 12:50, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:50  
● Keeping the Faith (PG-13) 12:40, 4:10, 6:55, 9:45  
● The Last September (R) 1:30, 3:50, 6:30, 9:10  
● Time Code (R) 12:30, 2:45, 4:55, 7:15, 9:35  
● U-571 (PG-13) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:35

## Silver Super Saver Cinemas Fremont 7★

33760 Plaza Drive, Fremont 505-9292  
● American Beauty (R) 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20  
● Bicentennial Man (PG) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40  
● Hanging Up (PG-13) 1:10, 3:15, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50  
● Ready to Rumble (PG-13) 3:10, 7:30  
● Romeo Must Die (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30  
● Screen 3 (G) 1:20, 4:00, 6:40, 9:15  
● Story 2 (G) 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:25, 9:25  
● The Whole Nine Yards (R) 1:00, 3:20, 9:45

## UA Berkeley 7★

2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 843-1487  
● Battlefield Earth (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00  
● Erin Brockovich (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10  
● The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (PG) 11:30 a.m.

● Frequency (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30  
● Love and Basketball (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50  
● Road Trip (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:40, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20  
● Screened (PG-13) 1:45, 4:40, 7:00, 9:15

● Where the Heart Is (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:15, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30

## UA Emeryville 10★

5330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 420-0107  
● Battlefield Earth (PG-13) 10:45 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00  
● Center Stage (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:40

● Dinosaur (PG) 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:45, 1:45, 3:00, 4:00, 5:15, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30  
● Frequency (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:40  
● Gladiator (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5:10, 7:30, 10:30

● Held Up (PG-13) 10:30 a.m., 12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:30, 9:50  
● Love and Basketball (PG-13) 1:30, 7:20, 10:20

● Love and Basketball (PG-13) 1:30, 7:20, 10:20  
● Road Trip (R) 10:45 a.m., 1:30, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00  
● Small Time Crooks (PG) 11:00 a.m., 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15

## UA Hayward 6★

24800 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-3000  
● Dinosaur (PG) 10:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15  
● Gladiator (R) 11:30 a.m., 3:30, 7:15, 10:30  
● Love and Basketball (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

● Small Time Crooks (PG) 11:50 a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50  
● Where the Heart Is (PG-13) 12:30, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

## UC Theatre

University Avenue between Milva Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FLM  
● Beau Travail (NR) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

## Central Contra Costa

1450 N. Main St., Walnut Creek 934-9649  
● Center Stage (PG-13) 12:50, 4:05, 7:20, 9:50  
● Dinosaur (PG) 12:15, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:25  
● The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (PG) 12:25, 2:30, 4:50

● Return to Me (PG) 7:00, 9:35  
● Road Trip (R) 12:40, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55  
● The Virgin Suicides (R) 1:00, 4:15, 7:40, 9:45

## Orinda Theater★

4 Orinda Theater Square, Orinda 254-9060  
● Dinosaur (PG) 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00  
● Gladiator (R) 3:15, 6:30, 9:45  
● Where the Heart Is (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

## Park Theater

3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 283-7997  
● The Big Kahuna (R) 7:00, 9:15

## Rheem All-Stadium 4★

350 Park Street, Mountain View 950-3411  
● Battlefield Earth (PG-13) 4:40, 7:10, 9:30  
● Frequency (PG-13) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45  
● Small Time Crooks (PG) 4:45, 7:00, 9:00  
● U-571 (PG-13) 4:50, 7:20, 9:40

## San Francisco

AMC 1000 Van Ness★  
1000 Van Ness, San Francisco (415)922-44MC  
● American Psycho (R) 4:35, 9:30  
● Dinosaur (PG) 1:15, 1:55, 2:50, 3:35, 4:40, 5:15, 5:55, 7:00, 7:35, 8:10, 9:25, 10:00, 11:35, 12:10 a.m.

● The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (PG) 1:00, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15, 11:15, 13:15, 15:15  
● Frequency (PG-13) 2:00, 5:05, 7:55, 10:50  
● Gladiator (R) 12:50, 2:40, 3:25, 4:20, 6:30, 7:05, 7:50, 9:45, 10:35, 11:15, 12:40 a.m.

● Held Up (PG-13) 3:35, 7:10, 11:55  
● High Fidelity (R) 4:45, 7:40, 10:25  
● Keeping the Faith (PG-13) 1:20, 4:15, 7:15, 10:20  
● Road Trip (R) 1:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05, 12:30 a.m.

● Screened (PG-13) 5:40, 8:05, 10:10, 12:20 a.m.  
● Small Time Crooks (PG) 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 9:40, 12:05 a.m.  
● U-571 (PG-13) 2:05, 5:10, 8:00, 10:45

## AMC Kabuki 8★

1881 Post St., San Francisco (415)922-44MC  
● Battlefield Earth (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:10  
● Center Stage (PG-13) 1:50, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20  
● Erin Brockovich (R) 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05  
● Final Destination (R) 8:10, 10:35  
● The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (PG) 1:10, 3:20, 5:40

● Road Trip (R) 1:00, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30  
● Screened (PG-13) 1:15, 3:15, 5:20, 7:35, 9:55  
● Small Time Crooks (PG) 1:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25  
● Up at the Villa (PG-13) 1:35, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15

## Bridge★

3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco (415)352-0810  
● The Big Kahuna (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:00, 7:15, 9:35

## Castro Theater★

Castro and Market Streets, San Francisco (415)621-6120  
● 6 1/2 Women (R) 7:00, 9:40

## Clay

2261 Filmore St., San Francisco (415)352-0810  
● East-West (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

## Embarcadero★

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco (415)352-0810  
● Bossa Nova (R) 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00  
● The Color of Paradise (PG) 12:30, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20, 9:30  
● East is East (R) 12:05, 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40  
● Hamlet (2000) (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10  
● Time Code (R) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:20

## Lumiere★

1572 California St., San Francisco (415)352-0810  
● Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai (R) 4:30, 7:05, 9:40, 12:10  
● The Girl Next Door (R) 12:45, 2:50, 5:00, 7:30  
● Human Traffic (R) 12:30, 2:40, 4:45, 7:00, 9:45  
● The Idiots (R) 9:50

## Opera Plaza Cinemas★

801 Van Ness, San Francisco (415)352-0810  
● All About My Mother (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50  
● Beau Travail (NR) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:20  
● The Cider House Rules (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:30  
● The Last September (R) 1:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40

## Red Vic★

1727 Haight St., San Francisco (415)688-3994  
● Carion Noir (NR) 7:15, 9:15

## Roxie★

3117 18th St., San Francisco (415)863-1087  
● Chinatown (R) 7:00, 9:45

## Sony Metreon★

101 4th Street, San Francisco (415)369-8200  
● Battlefield Earth (PG-13) 1:00, 1:20, 3:10, 4:10, 6:20, 7:20, 8:10, 9:40  
● Center Stage (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:30  
● Dinosaur (PG) 10:50 a.m., 11:50 a.m., 1:10, 2:40, 3:45, 5:00, 6:30, 7:50, 9:00, 10:00

● The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (PG) 11:25 a.m., 2:05, 4:45  
● Frequency (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:20, 5:10, 8:10, 10:45  
● Gladiator (R) 10:55 a.m., 12:10, 2:30, 3:30, 6:00, 6:50, 8:00, 9:20, 10:20, 11:15

● High Fidelity (R) 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:50  
● Road Trip (R) 11:40 a.m., 2:50, 5:20, 8:20, 11:30  
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● U-571 (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:35, 7:40, 10:50  
● The Virgin Suicides (R) 12:50, 3:50, 7:10, 10:10  
● Where the Heart Is (PG-13) 12:30, 6:10

## Sony Metreon IMAX

101 4th Street, San Francisco (415)369-8200  
● 30 Miles (NR) 5:40  
● Everest (NR) 4:20, 9:50  
● Into the Deep (PG-13) 11:30, 12:20, 3:00  
● Wild California (NR) 11:00 a.m., 1:40, 7:00, 9:30

## UA Galaxy★

1285 S. St., San Francisco (415)474-8709  
● Battlefield Earth (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2:00, 7:15, 10:00  
● Center Stage (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 7:00, 9:45  
● Up at the Villa (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 7:15, 9:45  
● The Virgin Suicides (R) 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 7:00, 9:30

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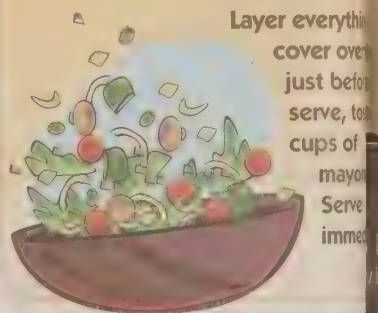
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Salt & pepper to taste

12-16 oz. small pasta shells  
Bring to directions, pour vinegar  
over hot pasta, mix thoroughly,  
salt & pepper to taste.

1/2 c. chopped, toasted  
pine nuts  
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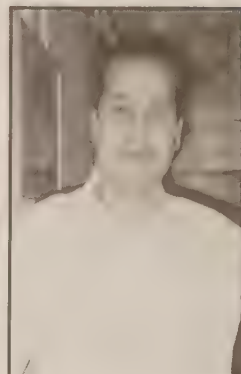
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Mom came into the kitchen as I was frantically whipping this bowl of mud and asked "what in the world....?"



### Is that EGG on your face?

Deviled eggs are a favorite at our house. But you have to cook those eggs for at least 10-12 minutes to make sure they're well done. I thought I had, and after cracking the first one open I realized the yolks were just a little

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# Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

## Children

**The Stagers Academy** presents a musical, "School House Rock Live! Jr.," on Saturday, May 27, 1 p.m. at John Muir Elementary School Auditorium, 2955 Claremont Ave. The performance has an all-kids cast, singing songs like "A Noun is a Person, Place or Thing," "Unpack Your Adjectives," and "The Great American Melting Pot." Tickets: \$10, children 2-12 \$5, under 2 free. No reservations needed. Tickets are available at [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com) or call 762-2279 or 415-478-2277. Tickets also sold at box office before each performance.

**Kids and their adult companions** can explore the UC Botanical Garden with docent Lois Paul the last Sunday of every month at 1 p.m. The next dates are May 28 and June 25. Call 643-1924 to reserve your place. For the talk: \$15 for garden members, \$20 for non-members. Call 642-0849 for additional information.

**Luna Kids Dance (LKD)**, offers dance and acting classes for children and teens ages 3-17 in a fun and supportive environment. Locations: Albany Community Center, 1249 Mann Ave., El Cerrito, Contra Costa Civic Theater, 951 Pomona Ave., Oakland, Glenview Performing Arts Center, 1518 Glenfield Ave. and Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd. For more information, call the LKD central office at 430-4113.

**LGBO Parent and Prospective Parent Groups** meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at [familyprogram@yahoo.com](mailto:familyprogram@yahoo.com) or 415-789-8560 classes.

**The Ann Martin Children's Center** offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

**"Theater Rats,"** Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 863-7023 for additional information.

## Health

**Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT)** support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

**YWCA Health and Community Education:** drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

## Community

**The College Preparatory School** holds its Annual House Tour and Raffle on Sunday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a self-guided tour. This year's theme is "What's Art Got to Do With It?" The tour features eight artful and art-filled homes of East Bay artists and collectors. There will be a talk on the new world of collecting and buying art on-line and off at 3 p.m. The speaker will be Scott Bell, educational director of the on-line art gallery [nextmonet.com](http://nextmonet.com). The Annual CPS House Tour and Raffle is the key fund-raiser for the school's scholarship fund. For safety reasons, no infants or children under 12. Tickets are \$35. Call 652-8829 or log on to <http://www.college-prep.org> for more information.

**The Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers a "Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons or by appointment. Anne Levine, Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. Price: \$15 for YWCA members, \$20 for non-members. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

**Marion Rosen**, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experiential practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-8606.

**Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-8736.

**Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive** offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from

the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808.

**Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

**Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice—Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

**Civil Rights activists** needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

**"Work Buddies";** volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

**Psychic Healing clinic;** 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief: 1-800-642-9355.

**SMART project:** the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

**The Edible Schoolyard**, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

**English-In-Action** lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley, Call 843-9716.

**Women's Daytime Drop-in Center** in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

## Exhibits

**Collaborative artists Ira and Corliss Lesser** exhibit their works on Friday, May 19, 7:30 p.m. at John F. Kennedy University Arts Annex, 2956 San Pablo Ave. The event is free, for additional information call 649-0499.

**The Fig Tree Gallery**, 2599 Eighth Street Number 42 (corner of Eighth and Parker), continues its exhibition of paintings by Qui-Lim Choo, Neil Haskell, and Anthony Zizzo through May 21. Gallery hours are Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment. Call 540-7843 for additional information.

**New Leaf Gallery**, 1286 Gilman St., Berkeley presents the outdoor show of contemporary sculpture in weathering, painted and stainless steel by 11 artists through May 28. The gallery's hours are Wednesday, through Sun, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For additional information, call 525-7621.

**The Albany Arts Committee** presents "Form, Shapes, and Portraits," a photography exhibition by Len Blau through May 31 at the Albany Community Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave.

**Jenny Lee and Monica Marini**, "Two Women Creating," open their 2716 Russell St., studio. Both women are artists dedicated to their craft and currently sharing teaching positions at Park Day School in Oakland. Each has spent the past 20 plus years living and loving the creative process. All work will be for sale. For additional information call 644-9341.

**"Snowmen In Summer"** a solo exhibition by Carrie Lederer takes place at the John F. Kennedy Arts Annex, 2956 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Gallery hours: Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information call 649-0499.

**Alta Bates Medical Center** presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. New 204-4444 for additional information. Call Pieces Gallery presents a list of artists for the year 1999. Located on Solano Avenue, New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

## Literary Events

**The Reading Edge** is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Allston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call the Reference Desk at 644-6848 to set up a training session.

## Meetings

**A Town Hall meeting** to discuss the Berkeley Housing Authority takes place on Wednesday, May 24, 6-8 p.m. at the South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis, near Ashby. This is the second in a series of free meetings. Tenants can help to improve and impact the planning process for the federally-required Public Housing Authority Plan. Sponsored by the Affordable Housing Advocacy Project (AHAP). Parking is possible. Free refreshments. For more information call 800-773-2110 or 510

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**The Kensington 55-plus Activity Center**, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington, meet weekly on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kensington Senior Center is sponsored by West Contra Costa Adult School and Arlington Community Church. For additional information, call 525-9146 or Virginia Walker, Teacher-Director, 547-1969.

**The YWCA** offers free orientations every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. of its Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The orientations outline the center's resources and the variety of workshops it offers to the public. For additional information, call 848-6370.

**The Berkeley Camera Club** meets every Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Participants share slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Call Wade for information, 531-8664.

**Speak Smart!** Join Beijing Express Toastmasters. The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

**Toastmasters Meeting:** Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

**Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS)** meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-0490 for more information.

**Joy of Yiddish:** Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information. The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

**The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group** meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffei Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 201 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

**Toastmasters on Campus** meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

**Public speaking** skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 868-2547 for details.

**Spirituality and Healing.** Voices of Healing Story Circles. Spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illness. Meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information.

**State Health Toastmasters Club** meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

**Higher Alignment:** 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; (415) 481-5337; \$20.

**Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis** Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

**Overeaters Anonymous**, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 Clurkey Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Newton (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

**TOPS:** 9:30 a.m., Mondays: Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or

Karen, 525-6858

**Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters;** meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 543-7945.

**Toastmasters:** noon - 1 p.m. Tuesdays; stand up and say what you mean; practice with the toastmasters; 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley; 883-6708.

**Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center** and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffei Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

## Music

**Handbell Ensemble Sonos**, James Meredith artistic director, perform on Saturday, May 20, 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Berkeley. Tickets: Adults \$15, seniors/children \$10. To charge by phone, call 415-392-4400.

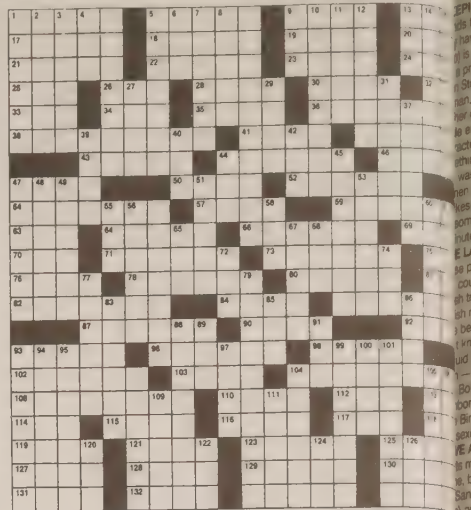
**The West Coast's premier Celtic Rock Band**, Tempest performs acoustic on Friday, May 19, 8 p.m. at The Freight & Salvage, 111 Addison St. Tempest has been touring and recording since the late eighties. The band is known for its high-energy mix rock and roll and traditional folk music. Tickets: \$13.50 advance, \$14.50 at the door. For more information, call 548-1761.

**BHS(Berkeley High School) Jazz Ensemble**, Quartet and Sextet and Jazz Lab Band perform a final concert program on Friday, May 19, 7:30 p.m. at The Little Theater, Berkeley High School, Alston Way between MLK Jr. Way and Milva Street. It will be the grand finale to the groups great achievement at BHS and will be a highlight of Bay Area jazz. The group will help to fund the on-going expenses of the Berkeley Unified School District jazz program. Tickets: \$8 general, \$3 students, BHS faculty and seniors. For additional information, call 535-3163.

**Sacred and Profane**, a chamber chorus, directed by Eduardo Mendelievich presents Ensalada & Nonsense on Saturday, May 20, 8 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley and Sunday, May 21, 4 p.m. at the Church of St. Leo the Great, 176 Ridgeway Ave., Oakland. Tickets are \$15, general, \$10 seniors/students in advance by mail. For ticket and concert information, call 524-3611.

**Baroque Choral Guild** performs "Songs of Anguish, Songs of Hope," on Saturday, May 20, 8 p.m. in Palo Alto and Sunday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way in Berkeley. Tickets: \$18 and \$12. For additional information, call 408-733-8110. Visit the website at [www.bcg.org](http://www.bcg.org).

**Bellamusa presents** a bouquet of Italian choral music on Saturday, May 20 at 8 p.m., Sunday May 21, 4 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 1640 Addison St. at McGee. The program includes works by Verdi, Monteverdi, Josquin, Vivaldi, world premiere of Ann Callaway's Valentine to R.M. \$10 suggested donation; wheelchair accessible



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Information: Arlene Sagan 524-3611; [arlene@bellamusa.com](mailto:arlene@bellamusa.com)  
**The Distaff Singers**, an estate of Bay Women's chorus, is a members. No auditions required. love of singing. Classical, pop, Broadway. Rehearsals Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. at the 601-5624, or L.J. 482-1677.

**Duckston Distones**, featuring a ley on piano, vocals, harmonica, Dixon, Acoustic Bass, Michael Drums and Larry Giustino on Gibson LA, perform every night from 10 to 11 p.m. at the Place, 1801 University at Grand welcome.

**Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave. presents Grateful Dead DJ night. Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets: \$9.50 for adults, \$5 for students. Call 594-1400 for additional information.

**Friday Night Folk Dancing:** 8 p.m.; no partners necessary to dances taught from Rumania, Israel, Turkey, Near East and elsewhere. Free Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. No experience necessary. Ages welcome. Albany YWCA, Kams Ave., \$4; call 525-1542.

## Outdoors

**Greenbelt Alliance** will lead a walk along the entire length of Ohlone Greenway, on Salvia 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The free out-

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## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
EIS No. 00-1375 Loan No.  
5/12/94-644 Title Order  
No. 025907-94  
EIS No. 1142560-04 APN No.  
025907-94  
I, CREDIT ACCEPTANCE  
DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF  
TRUST TO HAVE PROCEEDED  
TO PROTECT OUR PROPER  
INTERESTS IN THE PUBLIC  
SALE IF YOU NEED AN  
EXPLANATION OF THE  
CAUSE OF THE PROCEEDING  
OR TO CONTACT AN ATTORNEY,  
PLEASE CONTACT ATTORNEY  
NOTICE is hereby given that CTO Real Estate  
Foreclosure Services Corporation, the Trustee under the  
Deed of Trust pursuant to the Deed  
of Trust executed by LEWIS  
W. PUGH, HUSBAND OF  
ALYN R. PUGH, HUSBAND  
AND WIFE, 03/06/85, as  
indorsed and recorded in  
Official Records in the office  
of the County Recorder of  
Fresno, California, File No.  
00-1375, will sell on the  
Court Street entrance to the  
County Courthouse, 225  
Court Street, Martinez,  
California, the highest bid  
highest bidder for cash or  
equivalent, payable in full,  
all right, title, and interest  
in and to the real property  
it under said Deed of Trust,  
in and to the County of  
Fresno, California, and  
County of Santa Clara,  
as more fully set forth in  
the referenced Deed of  
Trust. The street address and  
legal description of the real  
property of the real property  
de, 2534 BUS AVENUE,  
CITY OF SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.  
The undersigned Trustee  
claims any liability for any in-  
jury, damage and other common  
law damages to the property  
herein. The total amount of  
the unpaid balance with inter-  
est on the property is secured  
by the property to be sold  
costs, expenses and ad-  
vances made by the Trustee.  
Initial publication of the Notice  
of Sale is 5/12/94-743. If the  
sale opening bid may be  
received by the Trustee at  
any time. In addition to cash,  
the Trustee will accept a  
check, cash, or cash, or  
state or national bank, a  
federal credit union, or a  
federal savings and loan  
association, savings associa-  
tion in Section 5102 of the  
California Civil Code, and  
authorized to do business in  
this State. If the property  
is in AS IS condition, but  
without covenant or warranty  
of title, possession or encum-  
brances, the property is  
bestness secured by said  
Deed of Trust with inter-  
est, and the Trustee, with  
thereunder, with interest  
as provided, and the unpaid  
principal balance of the  
said Deed of Trust with in-  
terest, and the Trustee, with  
and the plus fees, charges  
and costs of the Trustee  
paid out of Trust. Dated  
this 10th day of May, 1994.  
C/O CTO Foreclosure Services  
Corporation, 404  
Wide Way, #V-88, San Vir-  
gil, California 94589.  
5/12-5241  
Sales Information  
03/07-8616 by AS/Trustee  
Foreclosure Services is a debt  
collection agency. Any  
Information obtained by  
this agency for the purpose  
of 06/20/2000, 05/26/2000  
06/20/2000 19/5177946  
06/20/2000 19/5177946  
Publish May 19, 26, June 2,  
5/12, 5/19/90  
06/20/2000 #0303  
Publish May 5, 12, 19, 2000

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
Trustee Sale No. 902732  
Order No. 025907-94  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT  
THE TRUSTEE, DATED  
5/12/94, HAS TAKEN ACTION  
TO TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT  
YOUR PROPERTY. IT MAY BE  
SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE.  
YOU NEED AN EXPLA-  
NATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD  
CONTACT AN ATTORNEY.  
08/02/2000 at 10:00am, Cor-  
poration Reconciliation Com-  
mission, 1000 North Main  
Trustee under and pursuant  
to the Deed of Trust, dated  
06/17/1995, Instrument  
No. 004-004-004-004-004-  
004-004-004-004-004-  
records in the Office of the  
Recorder of the County of  
Fresno, California, and  
by Billie Ann Judge Jones, as  
Beneficiary, will sell, at  
the highest bidder for cash, at  
the Court Street entrance to  
the County Courthouse, 225  
Court Street, Martinez, CA,  
state or national bank, a  
check drawn by a state or  
national bank, a federal credit  
union, a federal savings associa-  
tion, savings association, or  
authorized to do business in  
the State of California, as  
provided in section 5102 of the  
Financial Code and author-  
ized to do business in the  
State of California, will sell  
shown below, of all right, title,  
and interest conveyed to and  
held by the Trustee, as hereinafter described prop-  
erty, pursuant to the Deed of  
Deed of Trust. The sale will  
be made, but without cov-  
erance or warranty of title,  
or implied representation,  
as to, to pay the remaining prin-  
cipal balance of the loan se-  
cured by the Deed of Trust,  
interest thereon, estimated  
at \$10,000.00, and the unpaid  
balance of the loan of the  
of the Trustee for the total  
amount of the loan of the  
Initial publication of the Notice  
of Sale (reasonably) is 5/12/94-  
743. If the sale opening bid  
may be received by the Trustee  
at any time. In addition to cash,  
the Trustee will accept a  
check, cash, or cash, or  
state or national bank, a  
federal credit union, or a  
federal savings and loan  
association, savings associa-  
tion in Section 5102 of the  
California Civil Code, and  
authorized to do business in  
this State. If the property  
is in AS IS condition, but  
without covenant or warranty  
of title, possession or encum-  
brances, the property is  
bestness secured by said  
Deed of Trust with inter-  
est, and the Trustee, with  
thereunder, with interest  
as provided, and the unpaid  
principal balance of the  
said Deed of Trust with in-  
terest, and the Trustee, with  
and the plus fees, charges  
and costs of the Trustee  
paid out of Trust. Dated  
this 10th day of May, 1994.  
C/O CTO Foreclosure Services  
Corporation, 404  
Wide Way, #V-88, San Vir-  
gil, California 94589.  
5/12-5241  
Sales Information  
03/07-8616 by AS/Trustee  
Foreclosure Services is a debt  
collection agency. Any  
Information obtained by  
this agency for the purpose  
of 06/20/2000, 05/26/2000  
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
File No. 001100100-0049197  
Borrower - ELLIS YOU ARE  
NOTIFIED THAT THE TRUSTEE  
TRUSTED DATED 12/14/98  
HAS TAKEN ACTION TO  
PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY  
IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC  
SALE. YOU NEED AN EXPLA-  
NATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD  
CONTACT AN ATTORNEY.

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APRIL 11, 2000  
STEPHEN L. WEIR, County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By TRISH KLANE, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2698  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
The name of the business  
PURE PLEASURE is located  
at 1242 Donato Drive, Rcdco,  
Ca. 94572, mailing P.O. Box  
568 in Rcdco, Ca. 94547  
hereby registered by the following  
owner(s)  
Morgan Sheppard  
184 Newbury  
Hercules, Ca. 94547  
This business is conducted  
by Co-Partners  
Morgan Sheppard  
and  
Darshan Singh Mann  
1242 Donato Drive  
Rcdco, Ca. 94572  
This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa on date indicated  
by file stamp above.  
Business commenced on  
April 21, 2000  
Expires April 21, 2000  
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APRIL 24, 2000  
STEPHEN L. WEIR, County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By A. MEDHURST, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2698  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
The name of the business  
VISHNU PERFORMANCE  
is located at 6422 Valley Cal  
Liquideur Place in Danville,  
Ca. 94506 is hereby  
registered by the following  
owner(s)  
Shiv Pathak  
7110 Main Place  
Danville, Ca. 94506  
This business is conducted  
by an individual  
Shiv Pathak  
This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa on date indicated  
by file stamp above.  
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STEPHEN L. WEIR, County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By A. MEDHURST, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2699  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
The name of the business  
VITAL RECORDS SERVICE is  
located at 15000 Highway 200  
Bldg in Lafayette, Ca. 94549;  
mailing address P.O. Box  
27633 Concord, Ca. 94520  
is hereby registered by the  
following owner(s)  
Brian Eric Aiello  
1310 El Cortijo Blvd.  
Lafayette, Ca. 94549  
This business is conducted  
by husband and wife  
Brian Eric Aiello  
and  
Linda Ann Aiello  
1310 El Cortijo Blvd.  
Lafayette, Ca. 94549  
This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa on date indicated  
by file stamp above.  
Business commenced on  
April 10, 2000  
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APRIL 24, 2000  
STEPHEN L. WEIR, County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By A. MEDHURST, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2699  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
The name of the business  
MARTINE'S SALON is located  
at 1 Sun Valley Mall in  
Concord, Ca. 94520 is here-  
by registered by the following  
owner(s)  
Yvonne Marie Sobrero  
6422 Valley Cal Plaza  
Martinez, Ca. 94553  
This business is conducted  
by an individual  
Yvonne M. Sobrero  
This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa on date indicated  
by file stamp above.  
Business commenced on  
April 24, 2000  
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APRIL 24, 2000  
STEPHEN L. WEIR, County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By A. MEDHURST, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2698  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
The name of the business  
MARTINE'S SALON is located  
at 1 Sun Valley Mall in  
Concord, Ca. 94520 is here-  
by registered by the following  
owner(s)  
Yvonne Marie Sobrero  
6422 Valley Cal Plaza  
Martinez, Ca. 94553  
This business is conducted  
by an individual  
Yvonne M. Sobrero  
This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa on date indicated  
by file stamp above.  
Business commenced on  
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STEPHEN L. WEIR, County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By A. MEDHURST, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2698  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
The name of the business  
MARTINE'S SALON is located  
at 1 Sun Valley Mall in  
Concord, Ca. 94520 is here-  
by registered by the following  
owner(s)  
Yvonne Marie Sobrero  
6422 Valley Cal Plaza  
Martinez, Ca. 94553  
This business is conducted  
by an individual  
Yvonne M. Sobrero  
This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa on date indicated  
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Business commenced on  
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by Gary Anderson  
The statement of the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.  
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,  
County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
BY E. MEDHURST, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2897-6

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**  
**NAME STATEMENT**  
The name of the business EASTSIDE WARE is located at 1242 Donald Drive in Fremont, CA 94536 is hereby registered by the following owner(s)  
Darshan Singh Mani  
1422 Donat Drive  
Rcdco, CA. 94572  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.  
Business commenced on  
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,  
County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
BY E. MEDHURST, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2898-0

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**  
**NAME STATEMENT**  
The name of the business EASTSIDE WARE is located at 6222 Valley Oak Plaza in San Ramon, CA 94583 is hereby registered by the following owner(s)  
Lisa Marie Sobrero  
6422 Valley Oak Plaza  
Martinez, CA. 94553  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.  
Business commenced on  
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,  
County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
BY E. MEDHURST, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2898-6

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**  
**NAME STATEMENT**  
The name of the business EASTSIDE WARE is located at 1 Sun Valley Farm in Concord, CA. 94520 is hereby registered by the following owner(s)  
Via Roma Inc  
State of Incorporation California  
This business is conducted by a corporation.  
The statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.  
Business commenced on  
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**FILED**  
APRIL 13, 2000  
STEPHEN L. WEIR,  
County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
BY E. MEDHURST, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2897-7

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**  
**NAME STATEMENT**  
The name of the business EASTSIDE WARE is located at 12183 Golden Gate in San Ramon, CA. 94505 is hereby registered by the following owner(s)  
DAVID SCOTT VAN WYK  
3807 Dumbarton St  
Concord, CA. 94515  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.  
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**FILED**  
APRIL 26, 2000  
STEPHEN L. WEIR,  
County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
BY TRESS KANE, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2897-8

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**  
**NAME STATEMENT**  
The name of the business EASTSIDE WARE is located at 2252 Orleans Drive in Pinole, CA. 94969 is hereby registered by the following owner(s)  
Stuart Lowe  
2252 Orleans Drive  
Pinole, CA. 94964  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.  
Business commenced on  
Expires April 25, 2005  
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**FILED**  
MAY 2, 2000  
STEPHEN L. WEIR,  
County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
BY J. ODEGAARD, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2897-9

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**  
**NAME STATEMENT**  
The name of the business EASTSIDE WARE is located at 10000 Sycamore in Richmond, CA. 94804 is hereby registered by the following owner(s)  
Giglet Lynn Brown  
5019 Fleming Ave  
Richmond, CA. 94804  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.  
Business commenced on  
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,  
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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
BY E. MEDHURST, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2897-7

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**  
**NAME STATEMENT**  
The name of the business EASTSIDE WARE is located at 12183 Golden Gate in San Ramon, CA. 94505 is hereby registered by the following owner(s)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NAME STATEMENT  
ALL IN ONE HOME REPAIR  
/s/ William S. Krudner  
This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa on date indicated  
by file stamp above  
Business commenced on  
Expires April 13, 2005  
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DAVID SCOTT VAN WYK  
#6037 Dumbarton St  
Concord, CA 94515  
This business is conducted  
by individual  
/s/ David Van Wyk  
This statement was  
filed with the County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa on date indicated  
by file stamp above  
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APRIL 11, 2000  
STEPHEN L. WEIR  
County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
/s/ TRISH WEIR, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2876  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
The name of the business  
BALANCED LEDGER is located at  
2382 Owens Drive in Pinole, CA 94865. A  
merchandise is being sold by the fol-  
lowing owner(s)  
/s/ Stuart Love  
2382 Owens Drive  
Pinole, CA 94864  
This business is conducted  
by an individual  
/s/ Stuart Love  
This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa on date indicated  
by file stamp above  
Business commenced on  
Expires April 25, 2005  
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MAY 2000  
STEPHEN L. WEIR  
County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
/s/ J. ODEGAARD, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2885  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
The name of the business  
IN HIS NAME is located at  
208 E. TAYLOR in Kennington,  
CA 94804. A merchandise is hereby  
registered by the following  
owner(s)  
/s/ Brian McKinney  
208 E. Taylor  
Orinda, CA 94563  
This business is conducted  
by an individual  
/s/ Brian McKinney  
This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa on date indicated  
by file stamp above  
Business commenced on  
Expires April 21, 2005  
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June 2, 2000

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STEPHEN L. WEIR  
County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
/s/ A. MEDJHUTI, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2885  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
The name of the business  
BALANCED LEDGER is located  
at 57 Stratford Rd. in Ken-  
nington, CA 94707. A merchandise  
is being sold by the following  
owner(s)  
/s/ Lyndmia Lavrenteva  
57 Stratford Rd  
Kennington, CA 94707  
This business is conducted  
by an individual  
/s/ Lyndmia Lavrenteva  
This statement was filed  
with the County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa on date indicated

## LEGAL NOTICE

and the County of Loudoun. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above. Business commenced on April 13, 2000.

Expires April 13, 2005  
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,  
County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By J. MEDHURST, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2573

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**  
**NAME STATEMENT**  
The name of the business is PLUTIN IT DOWN ENTER-  
PRISES, INC. located at 835  
Sixth St. in Richmond, CA.  
This is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
Edward Lewis Garner  
858 Sixth St  
Richmond, CA. 94801  
Burlington  
3333 maine Ave  
Richmond, CA. 94804

This business is conducted by Co-Partners:  
#/ Ruth O'Neal  
#/ Edward Garner  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.  
Business commenced on April 13, 2000.

Expires April 11, 2005  
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,  
County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By J. MEDHURST, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2573

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**  
**NAME STATEMENT**  
The name of the business is BALANCED LEDGER is located at 208 El Toyonal in Fremont, CA. 94530. This is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
Brian McKinney  
208 El Toyonal  
Fremont, CA. 94530

This business is conducted by an individual:  
Brian McKinney  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.  
Business commenced on April 12, 2000.

Expires April 12, 2005  
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,  
County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By J. MEDHURST, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2573

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**  
**NAME STATEMENT**  
The name of the business is BALANCED LEDGER is located at 57 Stratford Rd in Kensington, CA. 94707. This is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
Judymia Laventhere  
57 Stratford Rd  
Kensington, CA. 94707

This business is conducted by an individual:  
Judymia Laventhere  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.  
Business commenced on May 1, 2000.

Expires May 1, 2005  
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FILED  
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,  
County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By TRISH A. Eide, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2573

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**  
**NAME STATEMENT**  
The name of the business is 18 BROGO ENTERPRISES 29 REAL ESTATE INFO. 3. AHOME is located at 1225 Clu. Cn in El Sobrante, CA. 94803 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
George Hugard  
1225 Clu. Cn  
El Sobrante, CA. 94803  
Saye Hugard  
1225 Clu. Cn  
El Sobrante, CA. 94803

This business is conducted by husband and wife:  
George Hugard  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.  
Business commenced on April 12, 2000.

Expires April 12, 2005  
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MAY 3, 2000  
STEPHEN L. WEIR,  
County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By J. MEDHURST, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2580

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**  
**NAME STATEMENT**  
The name of the business is ALAMEDA JOURNAL PIEDMONT, BE EL CERRITO

MAY 1, 2000  
STEPHEN L. WEIR,  
County Clerk  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
By L. OROZANO, Deputy  
FILE NO. 2000-2572

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**  
**NAME STATEMENT**  
The name of the business is AIRPORT LOGICAL CAB CO is located at 8151 Liberty St. in El Cerrito, CA. 94530 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
Balwinder S. Padda  
812 Liberty St.  
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## Calendar

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Bay Area's largest station and ends at the Del Norte BART station. Popular for runners, bicyclists, and hikers, the trail has become the focus of numerous group activities, community-based efforts to restore urban ecosystem sand trails, and a variety of other programs. Call Greenbelt Alliance for more information at 415-253-3233.

**Adoptive Care** for orphaned baby birds and small mammals. The program is introduced species that are not native to the area. Free training and some materials. Call Myra 531-3042 or Lelia 531-3041.

**Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents** "Scrub Time," a technique for participants to understand themselves and to find focus. The group meets on Wednesdays by appointment and is free for YWCA members. Call 848-6370 for additional information. Leave a message for Lelia.

**Regional Park Botanical Garden** in Redwood City, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment. Call 841-8732 for a schedule of upcoming classes call 841-8732.

**Medical Center Herick Campus** offers guided relaxation and visualization techniques with cancer every Thursday, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Comprehensive Cancer Center Conference Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this solution as an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating positive affirming images. Call 204-1811 for additional information. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

**Medical Center, offers a Grief Support Group** every third Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon at ABMC, 2001 Dwight Way. The group meets to discuss common and personal grief issues. Fee: \$10. No one refused due to inability to pay. For further information, call 841-2830.

**Medical Center, 2001 Dwight Way** offers support group classes for survivors and their families and friends on the first Tuesday of the month, 4:45 p.m. at the Herick Campus of the Medical Center. There is no admission charge and advance registration is necessary. Call 204-4503 for additional information.

**Comprehensive Cancer Center and Center Salon, Alta Bates Medical Center, 2001 Dwight Way**, offers a support group for friends and families coping with cancer. The support group is offered on second and fourth Tuesday of each month. This is a free service. Call 204-4503 for additional information.

**Foundation of Northern California** is accepting applications for its Pilot Support Program currently using a Lucille Packard Children's Hospital. The group meets every Tuesday and is open to teens suffering from cancer and other chronic diseases. For more information, call ((408) 954-8600 or [www.fncf.org](http://www.fncf.org).

**Counseling Project** offers help to people who are overwhelmed with pain and associated with the death of a loved one. Many people suffer in isolation. The project is especially bad. No one is turned away. Call 889-1104.

**City of Berkeley Portable Meals** provides desperately needed drivers to deliver meals once a week to homebound seniors. Call 844-8590.

**Bay Area Senior Center** is also accepting volunteers to work in its gift shop, bar and dining area three to four hours a day a week. Call 644-6107.

**Arthritis Support and Education** presents Dorothea Dorenz, a certified massage and movement therapist, who teaches self-healing methods using a small pillow, and wear loose, comfortable clothing. For directions or information, call 204-4503.

## Workshop

**American Research Center in EGYPT** is holding a one-day seminar on Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the 4th Room of the Townsend Center, 1000 Hall, on the UC Berkeley campus. Egyptologist Dr. Edwin van Donge and Archaeologist Dr. Tom Levy present a day-long look at early Egyptian-Egyptian relations. The \$75 charge includes lunch. For a reservation, call 841-2830.

**Bay Regional Park District and the California Association of Alta California** present the 15th Bay Area Storytelling Festival on Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Kennedy Grove Regional Park in Berkeley. The festival takes place in the park and an outdoor amphitheater. Tickets may be purchased for single persons \$47, one day \$16.34, or the weekend \$47. There are discounts for seniors and kids under 15. Tickets available on line at <http://Tix.org/storytelling>.

**ICA** offers free orientations of its Career Center. The orientation includes resources available to the public as well as the great variety of work available every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 848-6370.

**Computer Applications for the "work"** using Windows '95 and '98, Microsoft Office 2000 software, Word, Access, PowerPoint, Publisher. Offered: Monday-Friday, 2:15-6:15 p.m. Location: Contra Costa County Office of Education, 13925 San Pablo Ave., No. 111, San Pablo. For information call 870-0840 or visit the web site at [www.cca2.us/cvrop](http://www.cca2.us/cvrop).

**Mediation** is a peaceful and effective introduction to the basics of conflict resolution. The free seminar takes place on May 20, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Bay Area, Priggo Dove is the facilitator. Call 844-0661 for additional information.

**Anonymous: Twelve-Step** meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-1111 for Berkeley location.

## Theater, Dance &amp; Film

**Simple Israeli**, Scottish, Greek, and other folk dancing in a circle. Findhorn style takes place on Friday, May 19, 7:45 to 10 p.m. at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St. Beginners welcome, no partners needed, small donations are appreciated but not necessary. Call 528-4274 for additional information.

**"Mother Hubbard,"** written by Pulitzer Prize nominee Ishmael Reed, continues through May 30, Friday's and Saturday's at 8 p.m. and Saturday matinees, 2:30 p.m. at the Black Repertory Group Theatre, 3201 Adeline St. The play is directed by Michael Lange, assistant director and choreography. Tamu. Call 652-2120 for ticket information.

**The Contra Costa Civic Theatre** presents the musical "Fiddler on the Roof," through May 27. Performances at 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays. Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. on May 21. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$6 youth under 16 with identification. For reservations call 524-9132.

**Swing Dance Classes!** Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. For more information, call Michael Marangio at 528-7858.

## Classes

**The Berkeley Adult School (BAS)** offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Call 644-6130 for additional information.

**The South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St.**, offers a variety of classes. For additional information and class scheduling, call 883-5222.

**Interview Clinics** sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call the Center at 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Be sure to leave a name and telephone number.

**Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way**, presents Scribble Time on Tuesdays, by appointment. The class is free to YWCA members. This technique is designed to help individuals understand themselves better. Call 848-6370 for additional information. Leave a message for Anne Levine.

**The Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave.**, presents an introductory class for the home fruit grower. Proper pruning increases the flavor and size of fruit, as well as preserves the health and longevity of the tree. There will also be a demonstration of various pruning tools. The class is taught by Greg Peck, owner of an organic landscape and garden design business in the East Bay. Cost is \$10 for nonmembers; \$7.50 for members. Call 548-2220 to reserve a space.

**The van der Zanden Studio, 1025 Carleton, No. 9**, offers sculpture classes. All levels. Call 843-9445 for additional information.

**A CopWatch** class takes place every Monday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. The classes are free. Call 548-0425 for additional information.

**Berkeley Community Media (BCM)**, Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to intro-

duce BCM to the public are held on Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. For more information call 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

**Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave.**, offers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalaranj Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. The Ashkenaz is a nonprofit music and dance community center. Call 525-5054 for additional information.

**Life Stories/College and Ceramics** classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers are Diana Bohn and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6830 for additional information.

**Contemporary Women's Issues** class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

**Dance and Fitness** classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theatre dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

**Let's Swing and Jitterbug**, 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate, four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month, Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

## Volunteers

**PediatricCare**, a program of the East Bay Agency for Children, is soliciting volunteers. The agency serves families and children who have experienced or are experiencing loss, illness or trauma. Volunteer

information Meetings take place on June 14. Training in August. Call 531-7551, ext. 173 for additional information.

**Volunteers needed at Good Stuff Thrift Shop in El Cerrito**. A fun, friendly place to work, all proceeds benefit developmentally disabled children and adults. Call 528-9455 for additional information.

**Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave.**, needs compassionate volunteers to help women with cancer through its information and referral hotline library, or in-home practical support. Time requirements are two to four hours per week for 6-12 months. Call 548-9266 ext. 309 for an application, interview and more information.

**Parental Stress Service, Inc.** seeks volunteers to serve as Telephone Hotline Counselors. The agency offers supportive counseling to families who need to be heard. To learn more about volunteer opportunities call 893-9230.

**Volunteer at the Crucible, 1035 Murray St.** Sharpen skills, and meet new people in the community. All talents are appreciated. The Crucible is an educational collaboration of arts, industry and community. Call 843-5511 or e-mail [crucible@ups.net](mailto:crucible@ups.net) for more information on how to get involved.

**There is an immediate need for Home Delivered Meal volunteers** at the "Open House" Senior Center to deliver noon day

meals to the homebound in Kensington, El Cerrito, and Richmond Annex. For more information, call Nichols at 215-4342.

**Breast Cancer Action**, an advocacy and activist organization aimed to inspire and compel the changes necessary to end the breast cancer epidemic, is seeking volunteers. A wide variety of volunteer opportunities, including events, activist and task force help, and office work during the week, are available. Call 415-243-9301 for additional information.

**Berkeley's Women's Daytime Drop-In** Center needs off-site volunteers to help with mailings, fund-raising events, and holiday programs. Training is provided for all volunteers who can devote three-and-a-half hours a week to working at the Center. Other on-site opportunities include answering phones and performing administrative functions. Those wishing to volunteer should call 466-5663 or 548-6930.

**Leah McIntosh Senior Outreach Services** Community Volunteers for the Elderly, 402 Harbour Way, Ste. 105, in Richmond, needs Senior Errand and Escort Volunteers. During the winter months volunteer drivers are especially needed. Volunteer Drivers escort seniors to and from medical appointments. Training is provided. Call 237-7887 for additional information.



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# Sonoma County ranch serves as a sanctuary for rescued pe

Up in Sonoma you find beautiful trees, lovely gardens, quaint towns and villages, and lots of grape vines. But on a recent visit there we found something more. We found the Starr Ranch. Starr stands for Stray Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Sanctuary, which tells it all, except that it doesn't really tell it all. For one has to walk around the Starr Ranch to realize what a beautiful and fine thing it is.

Starr Ranch was started by Liz Luster and the foundation she established, the Luster Family Foundation. The purpose of the foundation is just what the name implies: to rescue, rehabilitate and find good homes for stray animals that might otherwise be mishandled, misused, and even killed when people leave them on their own. They are animals that have strayed from home and never been found, or whose family has left the area and left them behind. For any number of reasons, these domestic pets, usually used to being loved and cared for, are suddenly homeless and alone.

The strays are brought to the ranch by kindly people who find them but cannot keep them, or who are bothered by the strays wandering in their area. The Starr Ranch is careful of what animals they welcome into their fold, being mindful of the harm that could be done the other animals by a diseased or very aggressive stray.

When we entered the comfortable ranch house, we were welcomed by Liz and some of her staff. Some of the dogs were there, too, to welcome us. We were introduced to the animals and given a

## Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

little of their history.

I was particularly taken by one dog, and I must tell you about Sammy. We had once had a dog with the body of a dachshund and the face of a cocker spaniel. My husband always said she was put together by a committee, as she wandered through the house on her very short legs with ears that dragged on the ground. A lovely and loving dog.

Well, the committee that put Sammy together was really split. A lively, mischievous animal, Sammie had the body of a dachshund, or very similar to it, with a startlingly big and long neck and the head of a large dog of some unknown breed. It looked as if the body should not have been able to hold the neck and head. But Sammy ran

around, offered to play, and presented himself for petting with great vivacity. When I called the ranch recently, to ask a question, I asked about Sammy and was told he had been adopted by a family that fell in love with him. I am so pleased.

But most of the dogs were friendly and eager to make friends with this group of visitors. And the staff obviously loves them all, as, as the day passed I could see one or the other of them in one of the Jeeps with one of the dogs happily ensconced in the passenger seat.

But, of course, there are more than dogs there. There are three community cat rooms. Because I am so allergic to cats I could not go in, but my friends tell me the rooms are large, clean, roomy and have runs for the cats. There are cats of all kinds and colors, and the cat lovers amongst us were ecstatic about them. And one of the cat rooms is for feral cats, who

cannot relate to domestic cats.

I must add that the dogs do not run free. Although they run freely in and around the house, they are at all times in secured areas. And when they must be kept in their community room, there are runs for them where they can exercise.

The nine acres of the ranch are beautiful, with trees and grass, all as nature planned it. No manicured gardens, although there is a pool area that is lovely.

There are even burros, sent to the ranch by the people who rescue burros in Death Valley. Since burros run wild there, and are often great nuisances, they are usually killed by the people and even the government there. The burro rescue people send them wherever they kind find a place where they might live in peace and safety. The Starr Ranch has taken five of them.

A very small staff maintains the ranch and cares for the animals.

Three of the caretakers live on the property (and, one of them told me, are very grateful to have such a wonderful place to live and work), supplemented by two others who live in town and, sometimes, Liz, herself.

When I talked with Stephanie the other day she said the ranch presently has 30 indoor cats with various lengths of hair and color. Some of the cats, especially the kittens, and a few dogs are taken to the Farmers Market, where they try to find good families who want to adopt them.

If an animal is adopted the caretakers are always delighted, and do some follow up to see that the family and the pet are happy with each other. If an animal is not adopted, he or she is kept on the ranch for the rest of his or her life — and a good life it is. Stephanie told me of one 17-year-old dog who they thought would live out his life with them. Recently an el-

derly woman saw him, he and adopted him, and he be perfectly happy with

The Starr Ranch welcomes visitors and they are happy to have them around the area. But that people telephone the Part of the beauty of the the love that is apparent where. The staff loves the and what they do, and have so much love to give

The Starr Ranch is in Valley and can be reached at 707-933-9702 or by email STARNCH@aol.com

I love discovering these little known places. I hope you will, too. And I hope you will share your ideas: interesting events, organizations, etc. Please write to me at 555 St., #443, Albany, CA 94705-4585. My email (when I look at every few days) is genser@aol.com.

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**Kala Art Institute** — "High Touch/High Tech: Crossing The Divide," closes Friday, May 26. An exhibit of juried and invited artists.

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**Holt Planetarium** — Programs are recommended for ages 8 and up; children under age 6 will not be admitted.

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## Restored LaSalle would make sisters proud



### Auto Classics

By Vern Parker

Six months before the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, the Gilbert sisters of Fresno, Calif., planned their own attack on the George Harm Motor Car Co.

**JUST BEFORE PEARL HARBOR** the Gilbert sisters drove home in their 1940 Marquette gray Model 52 LaSalle.

The sisters lived together on Terrace Avenue, where they learned they could live in nicer accommodations by pooling their resources. Clara was a librarian and Sophie a school teacher. They wanted a car, and with their combined income, they

could afford an automobile a cut above the ordinary. The George Harm dealership sold Cadillac and LaSalle automobiles.

On June 13, 1940, the Gilbert sisters executed their attack. From nine models

offered by LaSalle in 1940, they selected a gorgeous special four-door touring sedan and signed a sales contract agreeing to pay \$1,854. They paid \$704 as a

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### Drive, She Said



By Denise McCluggage

It is said, 'Things Are Nifty on Highway 50'

So it rhymes, but it's hardly "Get Your Kicks on Route 66." Route 66, dubbed "The Mother Road" by John Steinbeck was the highway on which the Joads and the other sad dispossessed of the Dust Bowl aimed westward in their mattress-laden Model T Fords drawn by the promise of California.

Route 66 inspired Bobby Troup's popular song, which in turn prompted a 1960s TV show with two guys in a Corvette. Route 66 has devoted Web sites in many languages, draws pilgrimages of foreign visitors every summer and is the subject of a souvenir mill of

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# Volvo has created a greenhouse for auto safety



MOTOR MATTERS

VOLVO'S NEW CENTER will not only serve to provide Volvo with a stream of new safety innovations, but also the entire Ford Motor Co., which now owns Volvo, Lincoln, Mercury, Jaguar, Land Rover and Aston Martin.

## Down the Road

By Herb Shuldiner

Volvo's new \$81 million auto safety center is intended to preserve the Swedish car maker's well deserved reputation for safety innovation.

The new center will not only serve to provide Volvo with a stream of new safety innovations, but also the entire Ford Motor Co., which now owns Volvo, Lincoln, Mercury, Jaguar, Land Rover and Aston Martin.

Ford's president, Jacques Nasser, is so impressed by the Volvo facility that he has dubbed it "Ford's center of excellence for auto safety."

He has instructed Ford's safety engineers in Dearborn, Mich., to discontinue parallel research projects for car safety.

However, Dearborn will continue to press ahead with truck safety research — an area beyond the scope of Volvo's new research center.

Volvo engineers will do approximately 200 crash tests annually in the new center

to check the crash worthiness of vehicles and what the impact loads are on various parts of the human body.

Volvo will use what it claims is the world's most advanced crash simulator to test safety systems.

Envision the simulator as a giant cannon from which Volvo engineers fire reinforced car bodies into each other or into barriers. The reinforced car body has everything removed from the interior.

Then engineers install crash dummies and protective systems to test what virtually any kind of test can have on the human body.

Engineers create real impacts by accelerating cars backwards from a standing start. The impact creates the same effect on the occupants of the vehicle as though it crashed into another car or an obstacle, like a wall or a tree.

To create such realistic crashes, a huge amount of energy must be stored and then unleashed in a tenth of a second. Volvo engineers use eight pressurized energy accumulators.

Then a piston is released to propel a sledge that holds the reinforced car body backwards.

The new simulator can even mimic a type of pitch that happens to cars in real accidents. In such accidents, a car tilts forward and at the same time rotates and moves vertically.

Volvo engineers perform the realistic simulation by using hydraulics that pull down the front end of the sledge carrying the car at the moment of impact. This action simulates what happens in an actual frontal impact.

In addition, the Swedish engineers deploy an intrusion actuator system that uses 10 hydraulic pistons, programmed to intrude into the passenger compartment through the bulkhead which closes off the engine compartment.

The actuator allows engineers to capture the result of what happens when the bulkhead is moved backward into the passenger compartment.

These tests happen so fast that they cannot be observed by the human eye.

High speed video cameras are used to capture the event. The video is then played back in slow motion so that even "accident" can be observed.

In addition, the forces on the car can be measured because of accelerometers embedded in the dummies.

While crunching metal will be a constant part of the Volvo center's search, most of the work will be done on a new NEC supercomputer.

The supercomputer will allow Volvo to simulate six crashes daily. Each year. Each crash takes about 24 hours to analyze.

Every new model being developed by Volvo will undergo several hundred crash tests.

"We want to ensure that our cars are closer to reality," says Hans G. Olsson, Volvo Car Corp. head of development.

The simulated crashes offer a benefit: new model development can be shortened by as much as 10 months. Substantial money will be saved in the process.

In the past, Volvo safety engineers created such innovations as the side-impact airbag, now standard in Volvo cars, which is slowly being adopted by other manufacturers.

The safety center may help Volvo learn the process, enabling it to move faster for automotive safety.

## Drive

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mammoth proportions. And yet, truth be told, if you were advising foreign visitors keen to sample the essence of the U.S. on just one highway, you would have to choose U.S. 50.

For one thing, U.S. 50 goes from coast to coast (well, almost) while Route 66 starts in Chicago and ends in Santa Monica. Comparative lengths: U.S. 50, 3,073 miles; Route 66, 2,248 miles, when it existed.

And U.S. 50 includes the nation's capital. But perhaps the greatest difference between U.S. 50 and Route 66 is that U.S. 50 has an active existence over almost its entirety, and Route 66 has all but disappeared

over its entirety. Of course, therein lies the appeal of Route 66: searching out the old road and the old, old road and the even older road, as well as photographing the empty-eyed motels and other crumbling buildings that once offered "pop on ice" and gasoline from glass cylinders to travelers on narrow bands of concrete.

Books on the neon art of old roadside signs along Route 66 grace coffee tables, a tribute to a highway pushed into history by ruthless interstate.

Simply put: Route 66 appeals to the archeologist and historian in us all.

It's fun to scout for marooned bridges and old pieces of pavement that were the original Route 66 or to follow the old route, where possible, from Seligman to Kingman, Ariz., or across the Mojave in California. (But

it gets too commercial when arguments flare between so-called experts on the authenticity of old Route 66 highway signs offered to Internet bidders.)

U.S. 50 still has its amateur standing. So far, only one website I know of is devoted to it: www.route50.com, which is run by Wulf Berg in a loving-hands-at-home manner. His book, U.S. 50 Coast to Coast (\$24.95, ppd from W. Berg Press, PO Box 6060, Suffolk, VA 23433) brings the score in highway books to U.S. 50, one; Route 66, dozens.

U.S. 50 still plugs along open to all, appreciated by many, but truly cherished by few. In its nation-dissecting plunge across the country's mid-section, it is utilitarian as well as scenically blessed.

U.S. 50 strings together a bracelet of some of the country's greatest and most varied charms: Chesapeake

Bay, Virginia horse country, West Virginia mountains, farmland, Tall Grass Prairie, Dodge City, the magnificence of the Rockies, the moon-scape desolation of Utah and Nevada, the giant glint of Lake Tahoe, and the gold country of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Thus it runs, sun-wise, from the lapping edge of the Atlantic until Sacramento swallows it unceremoniously in eight busy lanes of I-80.

Indeed, in its quiet soldiering, there's something rather step-sisterish and plucky about U.S. 50. It remains two-lanes through much of its cross-country trek, multi-laned occasionally and when it shares miles with interstates.

It links small towns with small cities, hitting the big time with the likes of Washington, D.C.; Cincinnati; St. Louis; Kansas City. It's a school zone and stoplight sort of

highway: antique shops, main streets, and homegrown cafes.

Another thing, U.S. 50 has to be the choice of the sporting driver. I was reminded of this recently driving to Santa Fe from Colorado Springs.

Eschewing I-25, I struck south and westward toward Canon City and Salida on U.S. 50.

Here the highway matched, bend for bend, the rippling dazzle of the Arkansas River.

I remembered, too, that U.S. 50 leaving Nevada for California was more interesting than I-80 over Donner.

And then there's West Virginia. True, Route 66 (now Historic Route 66) has the Oatman Grade between Kingman, Ariz., and Needles, Calif. We're lucky. Choices make us rich.

## LaSalle

FROM PAGE D1

ing to pay \$1,854. They paid \$704 as a down payment and drove home in their beautiful Marquette gray model 52 LaSalle. If nothing else, the sisters were prompt. Records show the \$1,150 remainder was paid the next month.

The luxurious LaSalle proved to be flawless. However, about three months later, on Sept. 18, 1940, the Misses Gilbert received a letter from General Motors explaining that no more LaSalle's were going to be built, although Cadillac dealers would continue to service their LaSalle.

Another three months passed and another bombshell dropped — literally. Pearl Harbor was attacked, and with World War II came gas rationing. The sisters had an "A" rationing stamp which didn't amount to much. The ever-practical sisters put the car on blocks for 50 weeks a year, walking to their respective jobs and saving their gasoline stamps.

When the Gilberts took a two-week summer vacation, they had accumulated enough gasoline to drive their LaSalle to Pismo Beach. The 130-horsepower, 322-cubic-inch V8 had to work to move the 3,900-pound car between Fresno and Pismo Beach and back again.

That is how the Gilbert sisters' LaSalle spent the war years. Thereafter, they must have made up for lost time — running the mileage off the odometer to get their money's worth.

A man in the Fresno area became the second owner in 1982. The once-mighty V8 had a cracked cylinder head, which was replaced when he rebuilt the engine. In the following years, he had the three-speed manual transmission and front suspension rebuilt.

Only 10,250 of the handsome bustle-back special touring sedans were manufactured, with this one slowly being restored. Attesting to the quality level of the car, the sill plates proudly proclaimed "Body by Fisher — Interior by Fleetwood." Laura and Sophie must have enjoyed the plush ride provided by the 123-inch wheelbase rolling on 7.00x16-inch tires mounted on red wheels, each one crowned with an optional full-wheel cover.

A first on the last LaSalle was a unique feature: All four doors were hinged at the front. The rear doors were notched to clear the rear fenders, which were protected by rubber gravel guards. The interior of each of the four doors displayed four chrome handles: door lock, door handle, vent crank, and window crank. Rear seat passengers could pull down a center armrest.

Because of the new bustle-back styling, the capacity of the trunk was quite spacious. Typical of upper-end General Motors cars the spare tire was mounted flat on the floor under a horizontal shelf. The gracefully-curved trunk lid was raised on a pair of exposed chrome-plated hinges.

The car was also repainted in the original Marquette gray, and the seats were correctly reupholstered. The rest of the interior was a testament to the care given by Clara and Sophie.

Tiring of the LaSalle after 17 years, the second owner took it to an automobile swap meet in the San Joaquin Valley in January, 1999 and offered it for sale. Jim Moloney, a Santa Barbara resident saw the LaSalle there, but the owner was always absent whenever he stopped by. "It's kind of a clean looking old car," Moloney thought although he really wasn't looking to buy a car. What arrested his attention was the traditional narrow, delicate LaSalle grille between the six vertical chrome-outlined slots on each side of the grille.

Moloney went back one last time, but the car was gone. Fortunately, a neighboring vendor provided a name and telephone number. After the two men talked via telephone, the owner said he would bring the car to Pismo Beach on Father's Day weekend. Moloney hopped a bus in Santa Barbara bound for Pismo Beach. There he finally met the seller and made a deal.

and exactly 59 years after Clara and Sophie first bought the car, Moloney became the third owner.

Since getting the LaSalle home, Moloney has had the banjo-spoked steering wheel recast and is about to take measures to get his instrumentation working properly.

Most importantly, Moloney has mounted on his LaSalle the same, albeit restored, 1940 license plates his parents had on the family Buick so many years ago.

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# 2001 Infiniti QX4 offers increased luxury



MOTOR MATTERS

LOOKING AT THE 2001 Infiniti QX4 reveals strong, crisp, bold lines, giving it a powerful appearance. Its looks are not deceiving; the version is much more powerful than last year's model.

## On Wheels

By Tom Keane

Those who thought the 2000 Infiniti QX4 was the last of its kind could want in a luxury sport utility vehicle, think again. The 2001 QX4 runs around it. Well, that's a slight exaggeration, but the redesigned model is improved in ways I never could have imagined. Just looking at this SUV reveals a crisp, bold lines, giving it a powerful appearance. Its looks are not deceiving; the new version is much more powerful than last year's model. This model has new body side cladding, a redesigned rear bumper, rear light, rear-facing exhaust pipes, and the new roof rack, making me think this 4WD would take on the great outdoors with ease. The large 16-inch (or optional 17-inch) aluminum alloy wheels leave no doubt that this SUV could take on any off-road track with ease. Actually, the QX4 is equipped with a full-sized spare tire with matching alloy wheel. Other changes that the Infiniti people point out include body-colored remote-controlled heated outboard mirrors, black privacy glass, intermittent rear wiper, integrated fender flares, fog lights, and step rails with slip-resistant treads. Yet, in spite of its new rugged appearance, the QX4 has an air of quality and luxury. This impression is reinforced by getting inside. The light color of the simulated maple-wood trim and leather wheel offset the dark leather seats. I became acquainted with my surroundings, I noticed the overhead compass, outside temperature display, plus an attractive sporty analog clock mounted on the dash panel. The instrument panel has electro-florescent illumination, making it very easy to read at a glance. The new QX4 also features a premium Bose audio system with AM/FM/cassette and an in-dash six CD changer and a video

cassette player.

The leather-wrapped gearshift knob is a nice touch and the eight-way adjustable power seat adds to the luxurious charm — for the driver. The passenger's seat, however, has only four-way controls. Both seats on my tester were heated, a \$600 option. The sunroof was a \$950 option. In addition, the QX4 has a spacious interior, easy access to the respectable-sized storage area, plus a roof rack.

The QX4 with 4X4 has a base price of \$35,550. This is the same price as the 2000 model, even with some major improvements. For those wanting a 4X2, it is available for \$34,150. Add to both a \$525 destination charge. Other options include a navigation system, cellular connection, sports package, and a premium package that includes the wood-tone, leather-wrapped steering wheel with audio controls and driver memory seats.

These options add to the luxury of this vehicle, but that's only half the story. At no additional cost, Infiniti has improved the QX4's performance. Under the hood is a V6 DOHC 24-valve 3.5-liter aluminum engine connected to a four-speed automatic transmission. It's smooth, powerful, and — best of all — quiet. The power has been increased from 168-hp to 240 hp. And the torque jumps

from 196 to 265 ft.-lbs.

My tester took the guesswork out of trying to decide between four-wheel drive and all-wheel drive. At the flick of a switch, I could make my choice, and my decision was clearly indicated in an illuminated diagram on the instrument panel. It was so amazingly easy to do I found myself going from a 4x2 to 4WD to 4WD — just for the fun of it.

## SPECIFICATIONS

2001 INFINITI QX4 LSUV	
VEHICLE TYPE.....	5-passenger 4-door 4WD or AWD luxury sport utility vehicle
BASE PRICE.....	\$35,550 (as tested: \$38,225)
ENGINE TYPE.....	V6 DOHC 24-valve aluminum w/MPFI
DISPLACEMENT.....	3.5-liter
HORSEPOWER (net).....	240 at 6000 rpm
TORQUE (lb.-ft.).....	265 at 3200 rpm
TRANSMISSION.....	4-speed automatic
WHEELBASE.....	106 in. 2692 mm
TREAD (front/rear).....	61 / 61 in. 1549 / 1549 mm
OVERALL LENGTH.....	183 in. 4648 mm
OVERALL WIDTH.....	72 in. 1828 mm
HEIGHT.....	71 in. 96.4 mm
TURNING CIRCLE (curb-to-curb).....	37 ft. 11.2 m
CURB WEIGHT.....	4,352 lbs. 1974 kg
FUEL CAPACITY.....	21 gal. 79 L
EPA MILEAGE RATING.....	15 city, 19 highway
ASSEMBLY PLANT.....	Kyushu, Japan
STRONG FEATURE.....	Power
WEAK FEATURE.....	Nothing worth mentioning

## Spare Parts

### SPARE PARTS

Cop cars: In an attempt to attract more sales of the Impala as a police car, Chevrolet has designed the vehicle with police duty in mind. Today's Impala features a six cylinder engine opposed to the V8 engine in the Ford Crown Victoria, which yields an average of 23 mpg compared to 18.78 of the Ford Interceptor. Police officers say they appreciate the automatic seat adjustment, more seat travel, and better battery performance. These are some of the reasons New York City has just purchased 800 units.

Power players: General Motors unveiled the latest enhancements to its already successful full-size truck lineup — all new Heavy-Duty (HD) versions that will be arriving at dealerships next fall. To be marketed as the Chevy Silverado HD and GMC Sierra HD, these heavyweights will boast more powerful gasoline and diesel engines, more capable transmissions and segment-leading tow-haul ratings.

Saab and Fisher: In 1999, Saab Cars USA, Inc. and Gary Fisher — two brands for breaking the rules — teamed up to form Gary Fisher Saab Mountain Bike Race Team. The partnership immediately proved its merits as the team garnered the world championship title and a world cup victory. This year, the partnership's success will be expressed even further as Saab introduces the Saab 9-5 Wagon Gary Fisher Edition.

Rough and tough: Chevrolet expanded its arsenal of hard-working compact pickups with the introduction of the 2001 Chevy S-10 Crew Cab 4x4 pickup, which is scheduled for production in the fall of this year. Debra Kelly-Ennis, the S-10 brand manager says that with its combination of versatility, ruggedness and personal comfort, the Chevy S-10 Crew Cab pickup is ready to tackle any real-life challenge or adventures.

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# GM's 2001 upscale trucks boast opulence

By Tim Spell

NEW YORK — Consumer demand for luxury sport utility vehicles and full-size pickups is hot, and General Motors continues feeding the furnace with new models. At the 100th New York International Auto Show, GM unveiled uplevel models that punctuated the corporation's seriousness about creating the industry's most complete and innovative truck line.

The greatest contributor to GM's mission of leadership in product innovation is its full-size trucks. GM gained nearly three points of share in 1999 with a 355,000 increase in units for a 1,450,000 total, he says. Zarella forecasts production of 1.7 million full-size trucks for the 2001 model year. Important to GM in achieving these figures is success in the growing luxury sport-utility market. The auto show was used to showcase the 2001 GMC Yukon Denali and the first Yukon Denali XL — both built on the new-generation platform.

Highlighting the many design and engineering refinements of these upscale SUVs is a monstrous standard engine and new all-wheel drive system. Replacing Denali's 5.7-liter V8 is the 6.0-liter V8, which provides 325 horsepower and 370 foot-pounds of torque sent to 17-inch wheels.

Engineered to handle the increased power is a new-design heavy-duty four-speed automatic transmission with tow/haul mode. Replacing the AutoTrac part-time on-demand four-wheel drive system is a full-time, permanently engaged all-wheel drive system. Front/rear wheel torque split is 38/62 percent, and a limited-slip device redirects torque to the axle with the best traction. Bringing Denali to a stop are larger four-wheel-disc brakes enhanced by Dynamic Brake Proportioning. DBP balances front-to-rear brake pressure, offering predictable braking, even with uneven loads.

## 2001 Sierra C-Series

Just as the market has demanded sport utilities with uplevel amenities, a growing segment of pickup-truck consumers want ruggedness combined with optimum luxury. Like Denali, the Sierra C-Series is distinguished by a monotone exterior, tone-on-tone leather upholstery and advanced audio and communications capabilities, including OnStar.

The 2001 Sierra also echoes Denali with the 6.0-liter V8/heavy-duty four-speed automatic transmission combo, all-wheel drive traction and hefty four-wheel-disc brakes with DBP. A Z82 trailering package is standard, allowing Sierra C-Series to tow up to 8,800 pounds. While trailering, cornering, or experiencing uneven road surfaces, GM promises its specially tuned, increased-capacity suspension system delivers a controlled ride on 17-inch tires. GM labels these elements contributing to balanced performance its Performance Biased Driveline.

## New mid-size platform

Along with full-size luxury, GM also revealed its upscale 2002 Oldsmobile Bravada. Importantly, this is the first vehicle built on an all-new mid-size platform.

Tom Davis, group vice president of GM Truck Group, says the new mid-size truck program will parallel the corporation's full-size truck effort in breath and scope.

He says Bravada is the first building block of an ambitious global program. It's engineered from the ground up to be a sport utility, and puts passenger comfort first without compromising towing and hauling capabilities.

Tim Spell is automotive writer for the Houston Chronicle Cars & Trucks section.

# Owner does not tolerate road noise in leased Avalon

## Ask the Auto Doctor

By Junior Damato

Dear Doctor: I am leasing a 2000 Toyota Avalon. Currently it has 5,200 miles on it. There is a humming sound while the car is moving and changes with speed. The noise is not from the engine. It sounds like I have snow tires on the car.

The dealer rotated the tires and replaced a wheel bearing. The sound is less, however, it is still present. The mechanic said the tires are the source of the noise. I disagree and would like your opinion. Sal

Dear Sal: With today's cars and trucks so smooth and quiet, any abnormal noise will be heard and felt. Tires are the only thing between the car and ground. There are many different tire designs and tread patterns.

Some are better than others. Tire scalloping and cupping will cause humming sounds, vibrations, and a rough ride. Tire pressure, rotation and wheel balancing are more important than ever. Look at the tire tread for any high and low spots and cupping. You may end up at the tire dealer for an adjustment and replacement, or possibly a different tread design. Some tire designs are not compatible with the vehicles they are installed on, even from car manufacturers.

Dear Doctor: We own a 1991 Eagle Talon TSI all-wheel drive with 63,000 miles. The engine will sometimes race up while stopped at a red light and stall out when coming to a stop.

The shop has replaced the oxygen sensor and cleaned the throttle body sensor. This solved the problem for a couple of weeks. But now the original problems are back. Can you help? Bobbie

Dear Bobbie: An engine can rev up by itself for a number of reasons. Unmetered air enters the intake system, vacuum leak, throttle position sensor out of range, or even a faulty coolant sensor. Have the technician check the inlet hose to the turbocharger.

Dear Doctor: I have been a mechanic for many years. I can't seem to solve a low brake pedal in my 1989 Chevrolet S-10 Blazer. It does have anti-lock brakes and is a 4x4.

I have replaced the master cylinder and bled the system. The brake pedal is very low, almost to the floor if I depress it hard enough. Can you help? Joe

Dear Joe: This is a common complaint with this vehicle and other GM trucks. Some models are under a recall. You should check with the local dealer to see if your Blazer is under the recall. You can also register a complaint to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration at 800-424-9393.

Dear Doctor: We own a 1997 Dodge Intrepid 3.5-liter V-6 with 40,000 miles

still under warranty. At 45 to 50 mph, there is a shudder when the transmission shifts gears. The dealer says there is no problem and this is nothing to worry about. The dealer said the transmission is shifting into overdrive. What do you think? Sean

Dear Sean: Chrysler has had its problems with transmissions. A shudder is not normal.

I suggest that you take a trip to the transmission shop for a second opinion. If there is a problem, have the shop document their findings so you can take them to the dealer.

In some cases, a transmission flush with new fluid can eliminate the shudder problem in many transmissions.

Dear Doctor: I purchased a 1998 Ford Escort new. Within a year, a clunk developed from the steering rack when I turn the wheels left or right. The car now has 15,000 miles still under warranty.

The dealer confirmed the clunk. After many trips to the dealer and calls to the Ford hotline, the answer is there is no fix and no safety concern. What is your opinion? Robert

Dear Robert: I would suggest a trip to an independent shop for their opinion, then back to the dealer.

A power steering rack replacement may be in order, or it could be a tight tie rod end. Whatever the problem, it should be checked and repaired.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1988 Lincoln Mark with 145,000 miles. I have al-

ways changed the transmission and filter every 25,000 miles.

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Dear Harry: The major transmission services we do at with the T-Tech machine, cases, where the fluid has been changed we will flush fluid and replace the filter.

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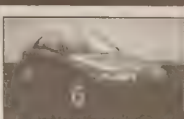
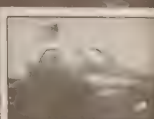




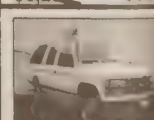
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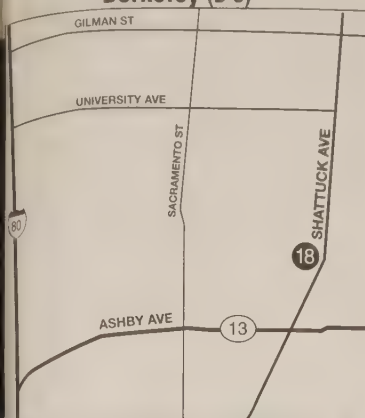
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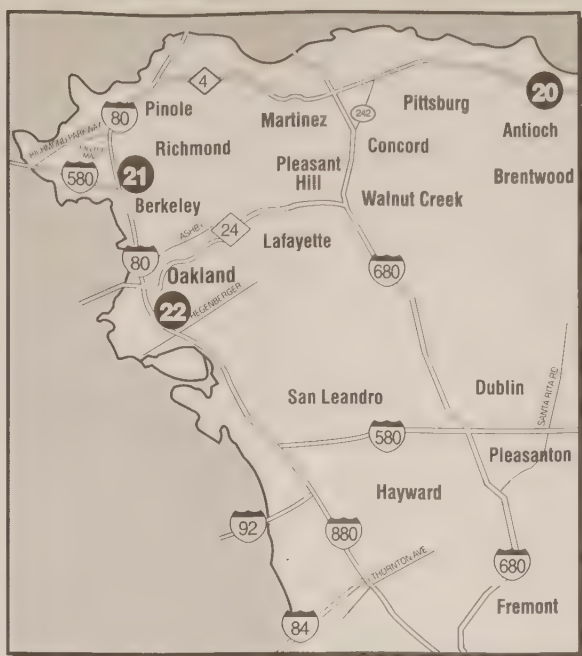
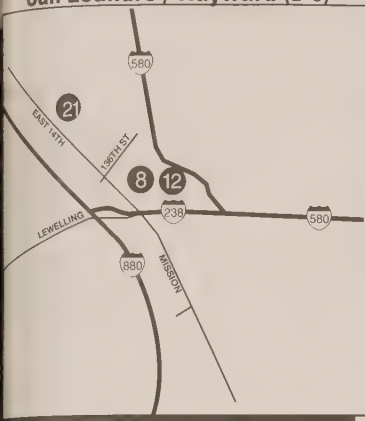
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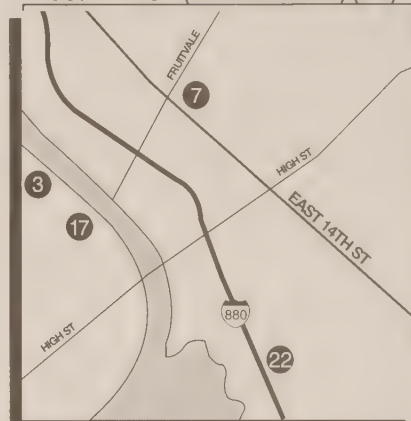
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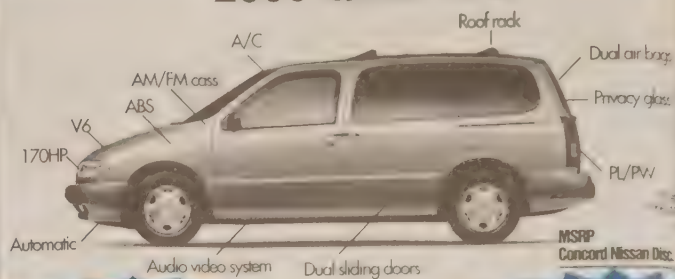
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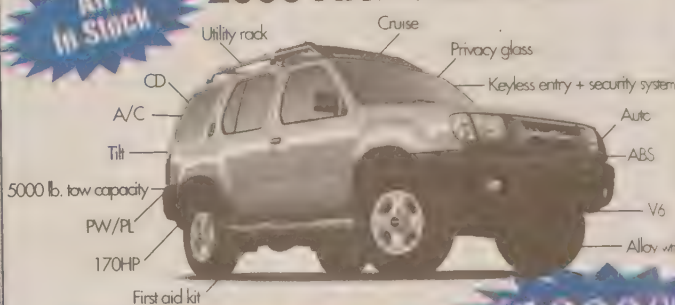
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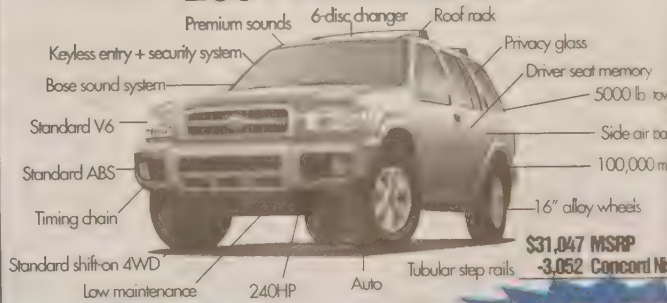
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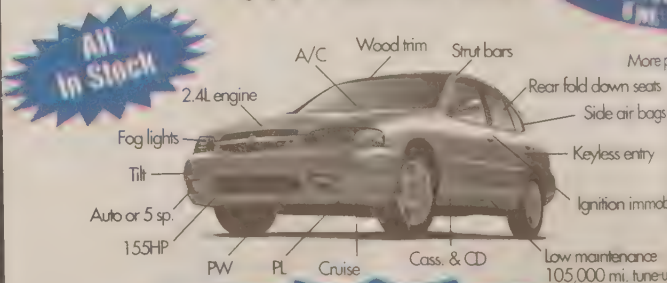


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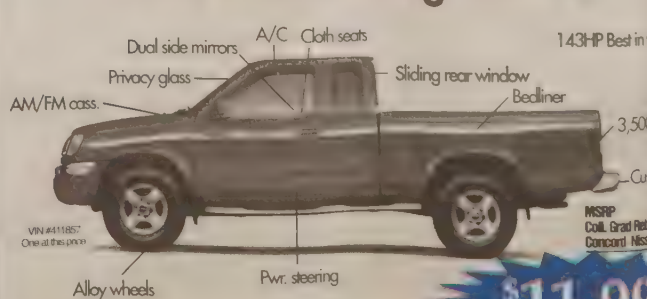
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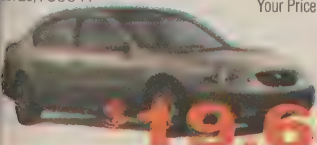
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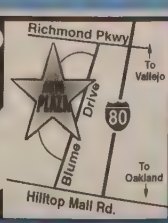
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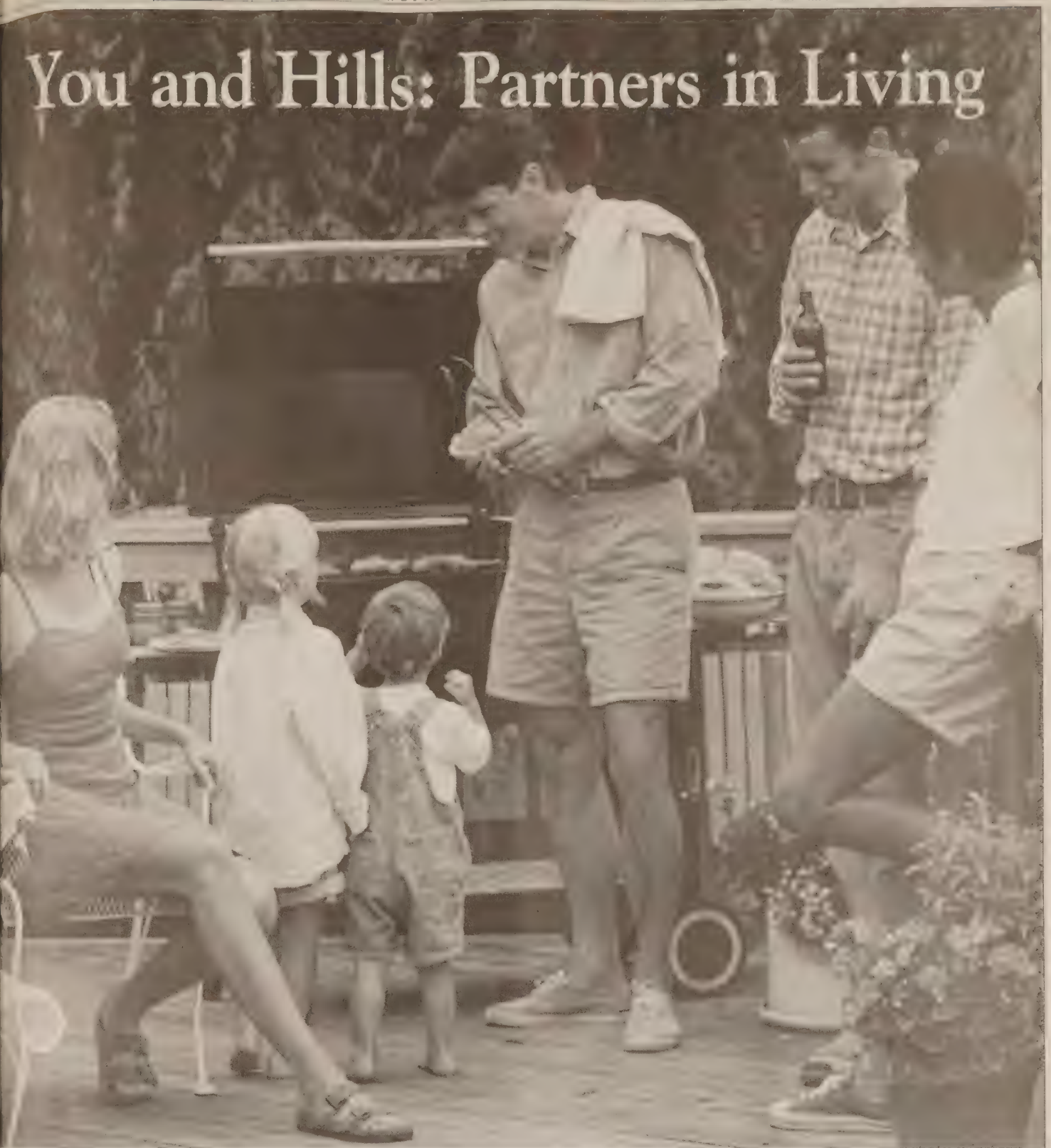








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## Outdoor dining at Orinda Theatre Square

By Tuseda A. Graggs  
CORRESPONDENT

Flavio's Pasta Forum restaurant had been an institution in Lafayette for more than two decades before its building was destroyed to make way for a new shopping center, Lafayette Town Center.

Since last March, the eatery has been re-establishing itself as a landmark in its new digs at Theatre Square in Orinda.

"We were looking for literally years to find the right place," said Karen Draper, one of Flavio's co-owners. "We were looking for a place that we could fit into. We were glad to find this space. It fits us well."

Though the location is new, Draper has been with the restaurant for nearly 20 years and her co-owner Juan Rivera for nearly 15 years.

The restaurant serves traditional Italian cuisine in a comfortable, friendly atmosphere with prices reasonable enough to bring along the family.

"We try our best to make everybody comfortable," she said. "We get a lot of families and couples. We get everything from people in jeans to evening gowns depending on what they're doing."

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KATHLEEN BELLESILES/STAFF

AN INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE and smiling waitresses make for child-friendly dining at Flavio's.



AL FRESCO DINING makes a visit to Orinda Theatre Square special. Sharon McCoy serves Italian fare to Summer Adams and Brett Christman at Flavio's, above. For more about Flavio's, see page 2.

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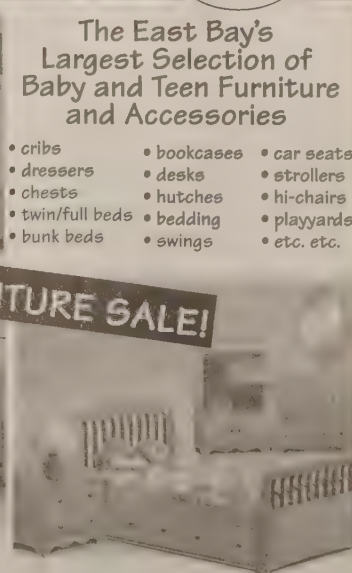
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CHEF FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ keeps things hot at Flavio's Pasta Forum in Orinda Theatre Square.

## Flavio's

FROM PAGE 1

Rivera and Francisco Hernandez, both originally from Mexico, prepare Flavio's traditional Italian fare in Flavio's exhibition kitchen.

A large opening makes it possible for patrons to watch flames from the stoves as their food is being prepared.

"We're like the Cheers of restaurants," she said. "We have a lot of customers that we're familiar with, regulars who come in frequently."

Maybe it's the customary Italian edibles like spaghetti, ravioli, lasagna, fettuccini and tortellini.

Or maybe it's the unusual dishes like gnocchi, a potato dumpling sautéed in garlic with bell pepper in red wine/tomato sauce.

Or escargots served with butter, garlic and spice.

The list for meat and chicken dishes is a deliciously lengthy one that includes veal parmigiana, veal piccata, chicken citron and chicken cacciatore.

For dessert diners can choose from gelato, New York-style cheesecake, spumoni or Italian rum cake.

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# Ode to spring: an Asian wrap song

Kathleen Purvis  
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What's the difference between a spring roll and an egg roll?

As simple-sounding questions go, you can put that one up there with the great conundrums, like that one about the chicken or the egg, or the one about whether a tree falling in the forest with no one to hear it makes a sound.

Short answer: There's no such thing as an egg roll. It's really just a Chinese spring roll that got made with a cheaper, egg-based wrapper when Cantonese chefs came to America.

But that's not completely true, because there are egg rolls in Vietnam, made with egg-based crepe wrappers, which have a fancy reputation because they came from the place, which used to be Vietnam's imperial city.

And just about the time you get used to thinking of fried egg rolls as spring rolls, you go to an Asian restaurant, order a spring roll and get something that isn't fried at all. And that's a spring roll, too, except that sometimes they're called garnish rolls or summer rolls.

Then there's the whole business of the wrapper, which is an egg-based pastalike dough in America, but is rice paper in some places and more like a crepe, called lumpia, in others. And sometimes the whole thing is wrapped in a lettuce leaf, but sometimes it isn't.

Good heavens. Who knew the spring roll would turn out to be the real riddle wrapped in a mystery

wrapped in an enigma?

To unravel the intricacies, we turned to Nina Simonds. The author of "A Spoonful of Ginger," which tackled the subject of healing foods in Asia, Simonds has spent many years there. These days she lives near Boston. And her new book is much simpler: "Asian Wraps" (Morrow, \$23).

Simonds traces her passion for wrapped foods back to her first experience, at 7 or 8, with moo shu pork, at a restaurant near Boston owned by Joyce Chen.

"I love to eat with my hands. I think a lot of people do. It's very primal, the idea of taking this wrapper and spreading a little of this luscious sauce on it and putting this stir-fried food in it. It really, in a way, started a love affair that I've always had with wrapped dishes."

So, back to that egg roll vs. spring roll thing.

"That's a really good question. It's like night and day, really. A spring roll is the authentic version of what we have come to know as the egg roll."

In China, the New Year's banquet table was filled with foods that were not only made with expensive ingredients, but that also were supposed to resemble expensive things, to symbolize prosperity in the coming year.

Crispy spring rolls, fried golden brown, were supposed to look like stacks of gold bars. They were called spring rolls because, under the lunar calendar, New Year's marked the start of spring.

The irony was that while the spring roll was fancy food in China, when it came to America, it became something that was cheap to make.

"The authentic spring roll," says Simonds, "is not only very thin, it's elegant, actually."

"The egg roll is rather, in a way, coarse. It's stodgy looking. It's filled with cabbage, vs. this elegant, thin bar of gold that's stuffed with expensive ingredients."

But what about Thai and Vietnamese cuisine, where you find a spring roll that isn't fried at all?

"It's really hard to make a generalization," says Simonds. "Many restaurants do it differently. Even in Vietnam, they're called spring rolls and they say 'fried' or 'fresh.'"

Both are made with rice paper, a rice-flour-based wrapper that becomes almost translucent when it's soaked in water. The difference is the filling, says Simonds. Fresh spring rolls usually have thin rice noodles, fresh herbs — usually mint, cilantro, Thai basil or all three — lettuce and shrimp, sometimes with barbecued pork mixed in. A fried spring roll usually has a ground meat filling and cellophane noodles or bean threads instead of rice noodles.

The presentation can be different, too. In the Thai version, fresh spring rolls are often wrapped in lettuce and fresh herbs. In Vietnam, fried ones are wrapped in lettuce.

"The Vietnamese really love that juxtaposition of fresh and cooked, fresh herbs and cooked food," says Simonds. "It is there in Thai cook-

ing in certain dishes. But you really see it more in Vietnamese."

In America, we mostly encounter spring roll and egg roll — fried and fresh. But in Asia, the variety is endless. There are crepe-like wrappers, called lumpia, which are often found in the Philippines and China and are served fresh or fried. There are pancakes, like Simonds' beloved moo shu pork or like Vietnamese shrimp pancake, which is made with rice powder and coconut milk. Even a simple lettuce leaf, wrapped around grilled meat, is an Asian tradition, Simonds says.

"What people will find most surprising is the versatility of wraps. They are great appetizers. They're great entrees. They're great salads I love that. I love that versatility. They're elegant, but they can be casual. They're basic, but they're refined."

"There's a beauty in that. And you can eat them with your hands."

That part isn't puzzling at all. Now, about that tree falling in the forest.

## Fresh Vietnamese Spring Rolls

From "Asian Wraps," by Nina Simonds (Morrow, \$23). These can be made several hours in advance. Cover with a moist towel and refrigerate.

- Makes 24 rolls.
- 6 ounces thin rice stick noodles or vermicelli
- 24 round rice paper wrappers

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## Rolls

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- 1½ heads Boston lettuce
- 2 carrots, shredded or grated
- 3/4 cup mint leaves, coarsely shredded
- 3/4 cup cilantro leaves, coarsely shredded
- 3/4 pound shrimp, cooked, peeled

Peanut Sauce (see recipe)

Bring 3 quarts of water to boil. Add noodles, swirl around, and cook 1 minute. Drain, refresh under cold running water and drain again.

Remove core from lettuce. Separate leaves, rinse and drain well, then press each leaf to flatten. Cut shrimp in half lengthwise and remove vein. Spread out a cotton dish towel on work surface. Place noodles, lettuce leaves, carrots, mint, cilantro and shrimp within easy reach.

Fill a large dish or pan with hot water. Dip one wrapper in hot water for several seconds, until beginning to soften. (Wrapper may still be stiff but will soften as you work.) Spread wrapper on towel. Place a lettuce leaf over the bottom third of the wrapper. Top with about 2 tablespoons rice noodles and 1 tablespoon shredded carrot. Sprinkle with mint and cilantro. Fold bottom of wrapper over lettuce leaf, tucking together tightly. Fold in the two sides. Arrange 2 or 3 shrimp halves, cut side down, in a row across the top of the folded section. Roll into a tight cylinder so shrimp show through. Place on platter and cover with a moist towel.

Serve cold with Peanut Sauce.

### Peanut Sauce

From "Asian Wraps" by Nina Simmonds. Although the recipe didn't call for it, we liked this with some chopped peanuts sprinkled on top.

Makes 3/4 cup.

2 tablespoons smooth peanut butter

1½ teaspoons tomato paste

¼ cup hoisin sauce

1 teaspoon sugar

1/3 cup water

1 teaspoon safflower or corn oil

1½ teaspoon minced garlic

1 teaspoon crushed red pepper

In a small bowl, combine peanut butter, tomato paste, hoisin, sugar and water. Blend until smooth. Heat a small heavy saucepan over medium-high heat. Add oil, heat until hot and add garlic and red pepper. Fry 5 seconds. Add peanut butter mixture, stir to blend and

cook 3 to 4 minutes, until thickened. Remove from heat. Cool slightly. Serve warm or at room temperature. Can be covered and refrigerated up to a week.

### Salmon Spring Rolls

Marinade:

¼ cup seasoned rice vinegar

¼ cup fresh lime juice

2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

1 teaspoon peeled, grated fresh ginger

Salt and pepper to taste

For rolls:

1 pound salmon fillet, skinned

12 round rice paper wrappers

About ½ cup cilantro leaves

2 tablespoons finely chopped scallion tops

Vegetable oil for frying

In a large bowl, whisk together the marinade ingredients. Cut the salmon crosswise into 12 pieces, each about 2½ by 1 inch. Add to marinade. Marinate 30 minutes, turning pieces occasionally. (Don't leave in marinade longer than that or acid in lime juice will begin to cook the fish.)

Remove salmon from marinade and pat dry with paper towels. Fill a shallow pan or bowl with warm water. Soak 1 rice paper wrapper until soft, about 30 seconds. Place wrapper on a paper towel and blot dry with a second paper towel. Arrange 1 piece of salmon across the bottom half of the wrapper. Top with about 4 cilantro leaves and 1 teaspoon scallion greens. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Fold over bottom of wrapper and fold in the two sides. Roll up tightly. Place on platter or baking sheet and cover with a damp towel. Roll up remaining wrappers.

In a deep, 12-inch nonstick skillet or in a wok, heat ½ inch oil over medium-high heat until hot but not smoking. Fry rolls 4 at a time, turning once, until golden brown and salmon is cooked through, about 3 minutes. Drain on paper towels while you fry the remaining rolls.

Serve with a dipping sauce, such as Sweet and Sour Fish Sauce or Peanut Sauce.

—Adapted from Gourmet magazine, March 1995.

From "The Vietnamese Cookbook," by Diana My Tran (Capital Books, \$25). There are many variations on this sauce, called Nuoc Mam, and Vietnamese families often have their own recipe. Many versions also include a little grated carrot. This version is very simple and versatile. Fish sauce is available in Asian markets and some well-stocked supermarkets.

### Sweet and Sour Fish Sauce

Makes about 1 cup.

2 cloves garlic, finely minced

3 tablespoons sugar

2 tablespoons fresh lime or lemon juice

½ cup warm water

6 tablespoons fish sauce

½ teaspoon ground red pepper flakes (optional)

In a small bowl, mix garlic, sugar, lime or lemon juice, water and fish sauce until the sugar is completely dissolved. Stir in red pepper flakes. Keep refrigerated.

From "James McNair's Favorites," by James McNair (Chronicle, 1999). These can be made in advance and frozen before frying. Pork, beef or crab are also often used in versions of these rolls. We also tried the filling with lumpia wrappers, available in Asian markets, and found the lumpia are also tasty and very crisp.

### Fried Vietnamese Spring Rolls

Makes 24 rolls.

Filling:

2 ounces very thin dried rice noodles

8 ounces shrimp, peeled and deveined

1 pound finely ground chicken breast (see note)

½ cup finely chopped chives or scallions, including green tops

½ cup finely minced carrots

1 teaspoon salt, or to taste

½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, or to taste

For rolls:

Vegetable oil or cooking spray

About 24 round rice paper wrappers

About 24 large, crisp lettuce leaves

1 cup packed fresh cilantro leaves

1 cup packed fresh mint leaves

Canola or peanut oil for frying

Sweet and Sour Fish Sauce (see recipe)

To make filling: Break noodles into short lengths and place in a bowl, add hot water to cover and let stand, stirring occasionally, until softened but still firm to the bite, about 15 minutes. Drain in a colander and rinse under cold running water. Transfer to a cutting board, chop coarsely, and set aside.

Quick rinse the shrimp under cold running water and pat dry with paper towels. Coarsely chop and add to the noodles. Add the remaining filling ingredients, mix well

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# Identification of fine teas by variety

By William Rice  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Tea is grown on large established plantations, on three-acre bushes, called Camellia that may provide leaves for many years. Harvests occur at least once a year.

Producers produce the world's tea in China, Japan, Taiwan, India, Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon). It is classified black, green, oolong depending on how the tea is processed. In addition, a few teas known as "blue" teas, destined for bags is mechanically cut, torn and curled,

which harms the tea but is economical. Fine teas are rolled by machine or hand, preserving the whole leaf and retaining its flavor. Teas from several plantations traditionally are mixed together, but demand has grown for tea from single estates. As with wine from a single vineyard, the supply is limited and the price can be high. Harney & Sons sells Meleng Assam from the Meleng estate at \$11 for four ounces and Assam Golden Tips from Diksam garden estate at \$46 for three ounces. Ceylon Silver Needle

from the Telbedde Estate in Sri Lanka, of which only a few kilos were plucked last year, is \$220 for four ounces at Todd & Holland. Here is a rundown of the main types of tea:

**Black tea** accounts for 94 percent of U.S. tea consumption. The color and flavor are due to oxidation, or fermentation, that most other types don't undergo. Yunnan and Lapsang Souchong from China, Assam and Darjeeling from India and Ceylon from Sri Lanka are examples. Earl Grey is Chinese black tea scented with oil of bergamot.

**Green tea** is most popular in Asia. Most taste delicate and grassy, and tend to be lower in caffeine than black.

**Oolong** lies halfway between black and green. It offers complex fruit and floral aromas and tastes. Though the same tea leaf as regular black tea, they taste quite different due to different methods of processing.

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each side for medium rare. Allow to rest for a minute before putting on a plate.

Meanwhile, sauté the mushroom in a very hot skillet until cooked throughout. Season with salt and white pepper. Sauté the vegetables in a little butter and

season with salt and pepper. Cut out a risotto cake with ring cutter and sauté in a skillet for about 2 minutes a side, make sure to brown well. Place risotto cake in the center of the plate and place filet on top. Remove toothpick securing the bacon to the filet and

place vegetables around the border of the plate. Spoon the mushroom on top of the filet and serve immediately.

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stir-fry until vegetables are crisp-tender and spinach wilts, about 3 minutes. Add 1 tablespoon soy sauce and stir to coat vegetables, about 30 seconds. Transfer mixture to colander and drain off liquid. Cool completely.

Place egg roll wrappers on work surface. Spoon filling in a 4-by-2-inch rectangle in center of each wrapper, dividing equally. Fold in short sides, then roll up tightly. Brush seam with water to seal. Place seam-side down on prepared

baking sheet. (Can be made to this point six hours in advance. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate. Remove plastic before baking.)

Combine remaining 1 teaspoon sesame oil, 3 tablespoons soy sauce and 3 tablespoons rice vinegar in

a small bowl and set aside.

Before baking, spray with non-stick cooking spray. Bake until wrappers are crisp and filling is heated through, turning once, about 10 minutes. Serve hot with soy sauce/vinegar mixture as a dipping sauce.

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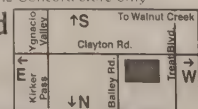
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spoon minced Italian herbs  
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the onion in a heavy  
pan, add half of the herbs  
for 1 minute. Add the  
peas and the bell pepper  
for 2 minutes making  
sure to avoid burning.  
rice and coat well with all  
ingredients.

adding the vegetable  
little at a time. When the  
rice is al dente. Add the  
herbs, the butter and  
cheese. Spread the risotto in  
a hot pan and place in re-  
frigerator for at least three hours.

semi-glaze:

spoon minced shallots  
spoon wine  
strong beef stock  
fresh thyme  
spoon Italian parsley  
spoon unsalted butter to

the shallot in sauce pan  
reduce or so. Add the port  
wine by half. Add the  
thyme and Italian pars-  
ley until you have a tight  
seam the sauce and add the  
butter. Set aside.

simmer the filet for about 4 minutes

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shitake mushrooms,  
caps thinly sliced  
zucchini, cut into match-  
stick strips  
cut into matchstick-size

spoons low-sodium soy  
sauce  
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seasoned rice

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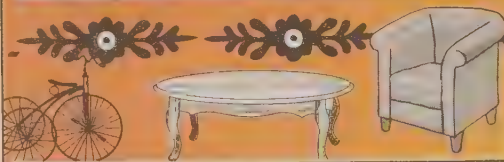
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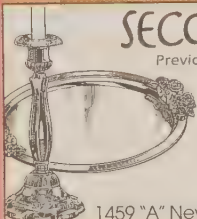
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